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What is inside?

The Cyber Intelligence Report (CIR) is an Open Source Intelligence (***AKA OSINT***) resource focusing on subjects such as Advanced Persistent Threats, National Infrastructures, Dark Webs, and other digital dangers.

This publication focuses on educational items with articles and hands on walkthroughs of subjects ranging from exploit development to Digital Forensics and Incident Response (DFIR).

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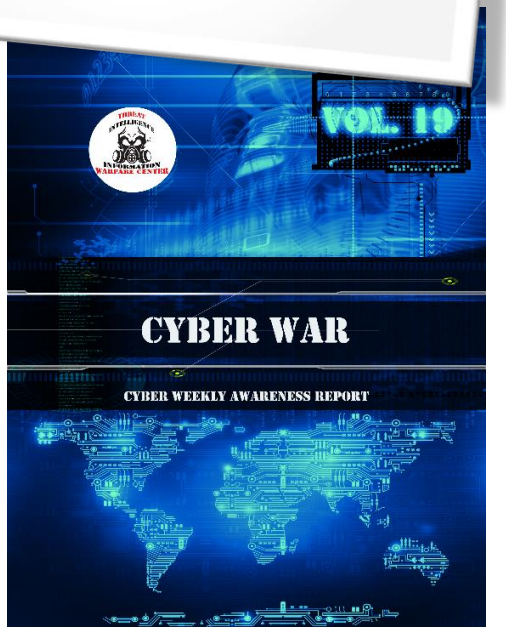

CYBER WAR

Weekly Awareness Report

We have another publication called the Cyber WAR. It contains information pulled from many different sources to keep you up to date with what is going on in the Cyber Security Realm. You can read past Cyber WAR editions at:

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"Hospitals that have been hit by a data breach or ransomware attack can expect to see an increase in the death rate among heart patients in the following months or years because of cybersecurity remediation efforts, a new study posits. Health industry experts say the findings should prompt a larger review of how security - or the lack thereof - may be impacting patient outcomes." – Krebsonsecurity.com

Cyber Attacks Can Kill

Ransomware has cost both business and individuals billions of dollars and an untold number of hours causing damages far beyond what most people can fathom. Researchers at Vanderbilt University identified a pattern that ties cyber-attacks to medical patient mortality.

Heart attack deaths increase…

Adding the additional stress of a cyber-attack with an overwhelmed staff that can't get access to patient data; care goes down while mistakes go up. These are just the tip of the iceberg when it concerns how a digital assault can turn deadly. Here are examples of how the digital world can physically affect the real world.

* The Russian cyber-attack against the Ukrainian energy grid in 2017 attempted to cause a fatal disaster.

* Targeting medical equipment with wireless or network access can easily turn grave. Think pacemakers…

* Exploiting vehicles, drones, and autonomous machines can become effective kinetic projectiles. Makes a bad day for all those involved.

* After the data breach of the site Ashley Madison, there were several alleged suicides.

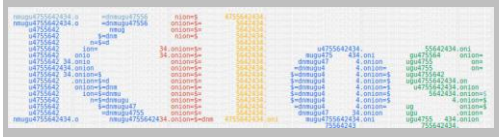
Where do you start to investigate these types of crimes? This is where OSINT investigations come into play and may help identify the suspect(s).

DARK WEB CORNER

Kilos Dark Market Search Engine

About Kilos

As per this article, Kilos was searching over 525k forum posts, 60k listings, 2500 vendors, and 190k reviews of 5 of the biggest Tor Dark Markets.



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Facebook Tor Hidden Service

"**facebookcorewwwi.onion** is a site that allows access to Facebook through the Tor protocol, using its .onion top-level domain. In April 2016, it had been used by over 1 million people monthly, up from 525,000 in 2015. Neither Twitter nor Google operate sites through Tor, and Facebook has been applauded for allowing such access, which makes it available in countries that actively try to block Facebook." …

"Prior to the release of an official .onion domain, accessing Facebook through Tor would sometimes lead to error messages and inability to access the website. There are numerous reasons to use the Tor-protocol for legitimate purposes, such as for increased anonymity when connecting to Facebook. ProPublica explicitly referenced the existence of Facebook's .onion site when they started their own onion service."

facebookcorewwwi.onion

FUN FACTS

75%

Of the close to 200 domains catalogued as illegal by Terbium Labs, more than 75 percent appear to be marketplaces:

Online and Dark Web Investigations:
CSI Linux based investigations

Social Media, Dark Markets, and other online investigations are probably some of the most challenging types to start because technology, laws, and trends change on what seems like a daily basis. Figuring out where to even start these investigations can even be a daunting task. If this field was easy, everyone would be doing it.

Hackers use similar tools and techniques; they just have a different endgame. The term "*two sides of the same coin*" comes up often when discussing both the hacking and investigation sides of cyber.

There are a ton of tools out there that you can use to track people, recon a business, or even see if your personal information has been leaked on the Internet. Some tools can be very expensive to license. With so many resources out there, a lot of people do not know where to start.

Some of this becomes a little easier with the release of CSI Linux on January 1st, 2020.

This environment was built with investigators in mind. It contains some of the more well-known tools along with a set of custom tools to standardize your evidence gathering and manage your case files.

The inaugural release comes in a VirtualBox appliance (***CSI Linux Investigator***) to make it as simple as possible to install and use.

CSI Linux Investigator contains all 3 of the CSI Linux VirtualBox appliance in an OVA package. When you download this, it will automatically setup and load them into VirtualBox.

You must install VirtualBox first, install the VirtualBox Extension Pack, then run the downloaded OVA file. The OVA file contains:

- ***CSI Linux Analyst***
- ***CSI Linux Gateway***
- ***CSI Linux SIEM***

CSI Linux Analyst is the main investigation workstation that is used for digital forensics and contains the tools to investigate, capture, analyze, and report. Keep in mind, some tools required API keys. These keys can be free while others require licensing to unlock their full potential.

CSI Linux Gateway is required to send all CSI Linux Analyst traffic through Tor and hide the source IP addresses. It protects all the analyst's traffic through a Tor Proxy to provide additional safety while allowing the analyst to use most of your surface web tools on the Tor Dark Web.

CSI Linux SIEM is used for Incident Response and Intrusion Detection. This can be used as a stand alone or with CSI Linux Analyst for a more indepth analysis. It offers machine learning, intrusion/Tor detection, and other incident response capability. Some of the muscle under the hood consists of Elasticsearch, Logstash, Kibana, and Zeek IDS.

When using the CSI Linux Gateway, one hurdle you may come across is piping through Tor. Many sites now force users exiting the Tor network to complete a CAPTCHA which prevents automated tools from working as well. Tor also doesn't work exactly like the Internet when it comes to networking, making it difficult to use some tools for reconnaissance. This environment has a few alternatives that help maximize your ability while minimizing your cost and efforts.

In this modular approach makes this environment a scalable solution for an analyst or a team of investigators.

With the inclusion of a case development feature, an analyst or investigator can manage their case more easily. Prebuilds a structured case folder for your evidence capture, hashes all case files, and makes a forensic archive of the case for distribution.

Some of the features that are within this functionality include:

- Username search
- Adult website username search
- Twitter information gathering
- Domain reconnaissance
- Website link extraction
- Website forensic imaging
- Website page snapshot (image)
- Website “de-clouding”
- Bitcoin wallet lookup
- Android/iPhone forensics

The list goes on and is growing...

The CSI Linux Investigator was built for ease of use and to give an extra layer of anonymity while investigating, along with a SIEM solution for security and incident response. This includes 3 systems in 1 appliance.

With this design, each component can be used independently, in pieces, or all together.

Scenarios

What can you use this environment for? Here is a list of scenarios and the systems to be used in each:

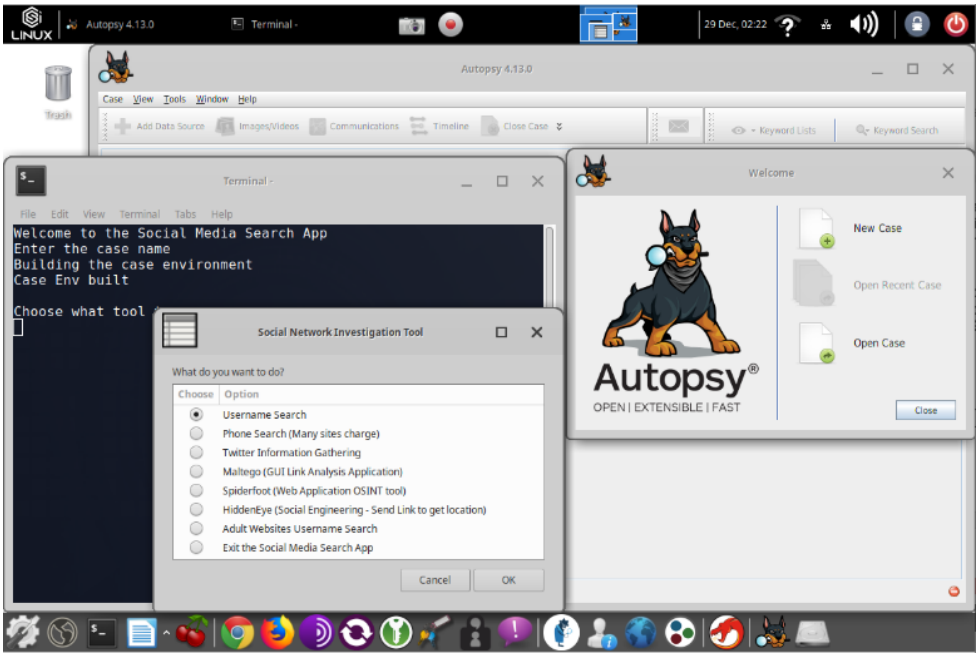
#1: Online Investigation.

CSI Linux Analyst

You know the suspects username, but you don’t know where they are located. Many people will reuse their username because it is comfortable to them. It is like a “signature”, brand”, or “trademark” of themselves. In this instance, you want to identify as many sites as you can that may have information related to where the suspect is, but you don’t care about protecting your location. You can use:

- CSI Tools “Social Media Search” to search for usernames over many different websites: UsernameSearch / AdultUsernameSearch.
- Hunchly plugin for Google Chrome to record your activity and findings.
- EyeWitness to screen capture a specific page on the website in question
- Maltego for link analysis.
- You can also use the Linux screen capture tool or RecordMyDesktop.

Use the SocialDragon Dossier template to fill in your findings to make a sharp looking report.



#2: Undercover work.

CSI Linux Analyst
CS Linux Gateway

The suspect is in an alleged Internet piracy group. You do not know their name, location, or anything other than a forum you know they post content on. You want to hide your location along with being able to use Tor for communications.

This type of investigation would require a few basic tools, but also the software that the suspect group is using as well. VPNs do not really mask your data because they are only behind one hop. This means that if the VPN service or your system gets compromised, you are more likely to leak your real location.

Using the CSI Linux Gateway allows you to add a local layer of security along with the obfuscation of the Tor onion routing network. All of your tools are also going through Tor, giving access to “.onion” domains.

You can use KeepPass to keep your undercover persona stored, OnionShare for securely sharing files, and the communication protocol of choice like Pidgin or qTox.

Maltego fits with every kind of investigation by providing link analysis and additional search capability in the form of “Transforms”.

#3: Incident response.

CSI Linux SIEM
CSI Linux Analyst

The network has been compromised and you suspect the hackers may still be on the systems. You need visibility of what is going on.

With Zeek (Bro) IDS in place, using custom signatures and Filebeat sending key indicators to Logstash, Kibana uses Elasticsearch to to give actional information in an easy to view dashboard.

Watch as the hacker communicates with systems they control and identify systems "calling home". If you find the culprit process, analyze it with Ghidra or Radare2. To view memory dumps for fileless malware, shellcode left in RAM, or other evidence, you can use Volatility 3. The MISP platform can be used for threat intelligence sharing.

Now, Autopsy can be used to manage your evidence items and allows for more advanced string search and file carving capabilities.

#4: Missing Persons

CSI Linux Analyst

This is like an Online Investigation. Use all the OSINT tools included. Slack has also been added for collaborating with the Trace Labs community. Sometimes working with others can make all the difference.

You are looking for any indicator or activity including information from friends, family, and last known associates.

#5: Inappropriate Use

CSI Linux Analyst

There is alleged content on a user's system that violates corporate policy and it is your job to validate if the data exists or not in a forensically sound manner.

Using tools like DCFLDD or DC3DD are very useful tools to create a forensic copy of the suspect drive. Guymager is a graphic disk imager that can also be used.

Once you have the image, Autopsy can be used to create a case and analyze the data, recover deleted data, and prove in a scientifically reproducible manner if the data exists or not. Bulk Extractor is another good tool that can be used to carve data from the forensic copy.

Always make a forensic hash of the image file.

#6: Deleted Data

CSI Linux Analyst

You have an SD card with family pictures on it that was accidently deleted. The Operating System does not see the files, but because the card was not wiped or overwritten, the data should still be recoverable.

Frist step is to make a physical (bit stream/forensic) image of the card. You should always do this to minimize the loss of data. Never work on the original unless there is no other option.

Now that you have an image, you have a lot of options for carving the data. These tools can be used.

CLI Options:

- Foremost
- Scalpel
- RecoverJPEG

GUI Options:

- Autopsy
- BulkExtractor

Consider using multiple tools if you are note recovering the data you were expecting. The tools are written by different people and findings may vary. Some tools also have configurations you can modify. Each situation may call for a different configuration. CSI Linux Investigator gives you a plethora of options in one easy to setup appliance.

There are plans for future releases of each CSI Linux component in separate bootable downloads so they can be used as the main Operating system of a computer. This variation would allow a true standalone option with the ability to use the raw hardware resources of the system.

The investigation is the priority.

CSI Linux is made by investigators, for investigators. You can ***download CSILinux today***!

DARK MARKETS

Agartha Market – Ongoing Scam

"Agartha Market is an Agora clone with no affiliation to Agora or Agora Reloaded. Multisig. BTC, LTC, Dash, Bitcoin Cash, Vertcoin, and Monero."

Marketplace url: agarthaourmnyhq3.onion
Forum url: agartha2oooh2cxa.onion

Cryptonia – Exit Scam

"Simple and secure anonymous marketplace. Cryptonia features a distributed design, wallet-less escrow (direct deposit), easy to use Bitcoin Multisig payments, Monero, 2FA, strong anti-fishing measures based on strong cryptography, EXIF metadata stripper for images, PGP encryption, etc"

Marketplace url:
jsm5ecfs2xdjivvtizedkiuj4tgcnpewvys3qxxekvucgx2dvqxhy4qd.onion
Forum url: cryptonqwrovsuni.onion

Nightmare Market – Exit Scam

"Nightmare Market is a new up and coming darknet market. We offer exciting new features, very active support and enhanced buyer/seller security. Supports Bitcoin, Bitcoin Cash, Litecoin, Monero, Zcash, Dash, Multisig 2/3 with direct deposit supported for BTC, BCH, ZEC, DASH etc"

Marketplace url: 7ur4yaruaxu3ilhi.onion
Forum url: uiou5sidva7ylu4x.onion

Reported by: darknetstats.com

FRAUD MARKET

Blackpass

The biggest market where users can pick up absolutely any accounts like PayPal, Bank accounts in different countries of the world, server RDP, SSH tunnels, services such as amazon, ebay, walmart and so on. Everyday thousands of fresh accounts are added in all sections. Millions of PayPal accounts of different types and sizes are available. It is estimated that the market contains overn 5 million accounts of different services.

Market is back online after a brief downtime. Use their tor link for 24/7 availability.

Market Link (Tor): blackpasqk3nqfuc.onion

PII RECORD SEARCH

Infodig Ssn Dob

"Infodig is fully automated and easy to use. Unlike other services they do not charge any price for search, it's totally free. It's the most legit and accurate ssn dob search service."

Infodig: infodig.is

OSINT & Online Investigation Tips

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"Open-source intelligence (OSINT) is data collected from publicly available sources to be used in an intelligence context. In the intelligence community, the term "open" refers to overt, publicly available sources (as opposed to covert or clandestine sources). It is not related to open-source software or collective intelligence." - wikipedia.org

There are many reasons you may want to start an online investigation. If you do, here are some items that you need to think about.

Under Cover Accounts

Setting up undercover (UC) accounts is an extremely important part of OSINT investigations when you don't want your personal information tied to the case. This means creating several UC personas that are completely separate from your real-life self. This usually includes purchasing a burner phone per account since many of the Social media sites require verification by phone and some of the useful resources come in mobile app form only. It is also nice to have a device that is already setup for the persona to minimize time and for ease of access. Just be sure to practice good OPSEC when using the devices.

You will need to secure your account information in a place that you can easily access. Some people use password storage solutions like KeePass while others will print them off and keep them in a safe.

Anonymity

Hide your real-life identity through proxies, VPNs, encrypted communications, and Dark Web services like Tor and I2P. This will protect you from giving up your true location while opening the door for communicating with the suspects on a more neutral ground.

Each option listed above has their pros and cons. A VPN offers speed, but it is limited when considering anonymity. On the opposite side of the spectrum, you have Tor.

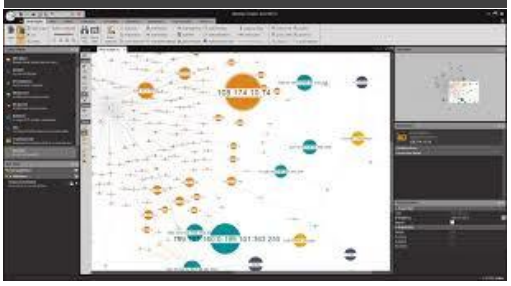
Practice good OPSEC

OPSEC stands for Operational Security. What this means is that you MUST be disciplined, follow standard operating procedures, and always think about security. It is a good idea to document everything you do to not only keep a record of your activity, but to also stay consistent in your activity. Start your activity on a clean system to minimize contaminating evidence. It only takes one mistake to burn your persona. It would be a shame to spend months or years with an identity only to have to throw it away and start from scratch.

Many of the criminals on the Dark web were caught because they were NOT OPSEC conscious.

Be patient and persistent.

TOOLS AND TIPS



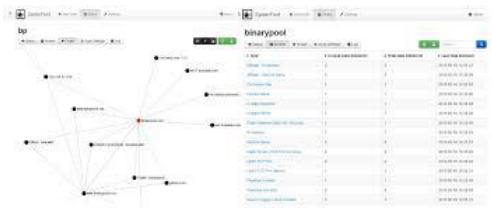
Maltego

"Maltego is an interactive data mining tool that renders directed graphs for link analysis. The tool is used in online investigations for finding relationships between pieces of information from various sources located on the Internet.

Maltego uses the idea of transforms to automate the process of querying different data sources. This information is then displayed on a node-based graph suited for performing link analysis.

Currently there are three versions of the Maltego client namely Maltego CE, Maltego Classic and Maltego XL. This page will focus on Maltego Community Edition (CE)."

paterva.com



Spiderfoot

"With almost 200 modules and growing, SpiderFoot provides an easy-to-use interface that enables you to automatically collect Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) about IP addresses, domain names, e-mail addresses, usernames, names, subnets and ASNs from many sources such as AlienVault, HaveIBeenPwned, SecurityTrails, SHODAN, ."

spiderfoot.net

Quick Tip

If you need to make a forensic copy of a drive, dcfldd is a great utility that is easy to use. Below, assume you are imaging drive sdb to drive sdc.

dcfldd if=dev/sdb of=/dev/sdc

Human Trafficking & Missing Persons

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"*Human trafficking, believed to be the third-largest criminal activity in the world, is a form of human slavery that must be addressed at the interagency level. Human trafficking includes forced labor, domestic servitude, and commercial sex trafficking. It involves both U.S. citizens and foreigners alike and has no demographic restrictions.*" - FBI

Many times, these cases start off as a missing person only to find out that it was more sinister than just running off with friends or taking off on vacation without telling anyone.

There are organizations out there like Trace labs tracelabs.org that has pulled the public together to help find missing persons while hosting Capture the Flag (CTF) events at conferences. Their tag line is: "Crowdsourced Open Source Intelligence For Missing Persons". If you want to help out and are interested in joining their community, you sign up for their slack group at tracelabs.slack.com.

The US Gov't agency NIST has a current project called Tatt-E, a tattoo identification system that can be found here: www.nist.gov/programs-projects/tattoo-recognition-technology-evaluation-tatt-e. Technology like this can be used for both suspect and victim identification.

As controversial as it is, facial recognition is also a technology that can be invaluable in finding someone who has disappeared.

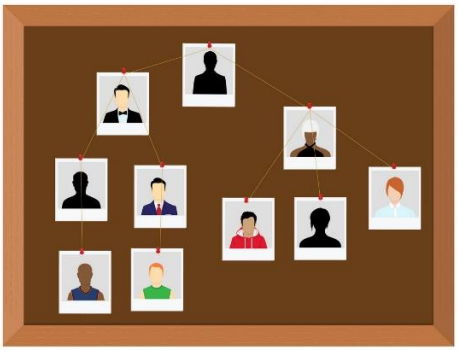
Working with local and federal law enforcement agencies is another good resource. Many times, the information that you can provide them from your investigations can be the difference between solving the case and not. They have a lot more resources than most people do.

Depending on the reasons the person went missing, there may be key indicators or calls for help from simple data sources such as logins and activity in their email, social media, and other online accounts. Their cell phone is another resource that may leak location information, even if the victim doesn't have possession of it.

Another source a lot of people forget is to identify and research "friends" and known associates. There may be information vital to your investigation connected with those individual's online presence.

Remember, this is a lot of work and can be time consuming. The sooner the person goes missing, the more likely you will find data that is useful.

Tools like Maltego can be instrumental in tying information together. Not just using the features built in that interrogates third party data sources, but the simpler manual link analysis feature; i.e. digital investigation board.



Keeping children safer with prevention. That is one of the biggest goals and takes education and security practices. Here is a list of proactive options:

- Education
- Manage mobile devices
- Know who they hang out with
- DNA sent kits
- GPS Tracking

Prevention is always the best option, but if the unimaginable does happen, the more you have, the better chance you have to save those you love. Correlating all this information is what OSINT is about. It just depends on how you used the data and why.

Resources:

"In addition to the Office for Victims of Crime, many federal government agencies are working to combat human trafficking." - ovc.ncjrs.gov/humantrafficking/resources.html

Human Trafficking Report - state.gov

www.thorn.org/blog/what-human-trafficking-investigations-look-like

Gang Involved-Sex Trafficking

Other Resources:

- humantraffickinghotline.org
- icmp.int
- icrc.org
- inourbackyard.org
- missingpeopleinfo.com
- namus.gov
- polarisproject.org
- savedinamerica.org
- someoneismissing.com

Reporting:
ShadowDragon Dossier Template

The image on the next page is a sample.

CASE [Case ID]

PROFILE

John Doe was born in Little Rock Arkansas in 1980. He became a chef and worked in several restaurants before opening his own restaurant "The Donkey Brew" in 2008. In 2010, John was charged with Fraud, and the restaurant was forced to close.

Name	John Doe
Email	JDmoney30 @gmail.com johndoe1@gmail.com
Location	Birmingham, AL
Partner	Former Wife, Jane Doe
Quick Facts	• "Chef, Restaurateur, Entrepreneur". • Not shy to hide his identity or his political views. • "online" behavior not unnoticed by others. • Self proclaimed "golden boy of food". • Highly motivated, appears to lack ability to finish tasks.
Online Moniker(s)	JohnDoe JDmoney30

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EMAIL ADDRESS	JDmoney30@gmail.com johndoe1@gmail.com
CONCLUSIONS	• No negative existence or mentions of the fraud charges on online media profiles. • Life Changes; Divorced Jane Doe in 2010. This timeline correlates to charges of fraud brought against John in the same year. • Tension likely persists within his personal and professional life. John does not appear to be on good terms with his ex-wife and has on multiple occasions gotten into "online" arguments with his ex-wife on Facebook. After the police investigated his previous restaurant for fraud, he has had issues finding employment.

CSI Linux Forensic Challenge

Using CSI Linux and the tools included, go through this forensic project and identify all the flags you can. Use Autopsy as your main application. Write a walk through on how you found each item within Autopsy and any other tools within your final report. The findings and final report will then be graded, with the best combo being the winner.

Winner will have their report and walkthrough showcased in a future issue of the Cyber Intelligence Report (CIR) and win a commemorative Bitcoin challenge coin (Not a real Bitcoin). Submit reports to csilinux@informationwarfarecenter.com. ***Deadline is June 15th, 2020!***

Here is the Autopsy user manual: https://sleuthkit.org/autopsy/docs/user-docs/4.0/

Hacking Case (https://www.cfreds.nist.gov/Hacking_Case.html)

This test image requires a variety of skills to answer the given questions.

Scenario

On 09/20/04, a Dell CPi notebook computer, serial # VLQLW, was found abandoned along with a wireless PCMCIA card and an external homemade 802.11b antennae. It is suspected that this computer was used for hacking purposes, although cannot be tied to a hacking suspect, G=r=e=g S=c=h=a=r=d=t. (The equal signs are just to prevent web crawlers from indexing this name; there are no equal signs in the image files.) Schardt also goes by the online nickname of “Mr. Evil” and some of his associates have said that he would park his vehicle within range of Wireless Access Points (like Starbucks and other T-Mobile Hotspots) where he would then intercept internet traffic, attempting to get credit card numbers, usernames & passwords.

Find any hacking software, evidence of their use, and any data that might have been generated. Attempt to tie the computer to the suspect, G=r=e=g S=c=h=a=r=d=t.

A DD image (in seven parts: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and notes) and a EnCase image (second part) of the abandoned computer have already been made.

1. What is the image hash? Does the acquisition and verification hash match?
2. What operating system was used on the computer?
3. When was the install date?
4. What is the timezone settings?
5. Who is the registered owner?
6. What is the computer account name?
7. What is the primary domain name?
8. When was the last recorded computer shutdown date/time?
9. How many accounts are recorded (total number)?
10. What is the account name of the user who mostly uses the computer?

11. Who was the last user to logon to the computer?
12. A search for the name of “G=r=e=g S=c=h=a=r=d=t” reveals multiple hits. One of these proves that G=r=e=g S=c=h=a=r=d=t is Mr. Evil and is also the administrator of this computer. What file is it? What software program does this file relate to?
13. List the network cards used by this computer
14. This same file reports the IP address and MAC address of the computer. What are they?
15. An internet search for vendor name/model of NIC cards by MAC address can be used to find out which network interface was used. In the above answer, the first 3 hex characters of the MAC address report the vendor of the card. Which NIC card was used during the installation and set-up for LOOK@LAN?
16. Find 6 installed programs that may be used for hacking.
17. What is the SMTP email address for Mr. Evil?
18. What is the NNTP (news server) settings for Mr. Evil?
19. What two installed programs show this information?
20. List 5 newsgroups that Mr. Evil has subscribed to.
21. A popular IRC (Internet Relay Chat) program called MIRC was installed. What are the user settings that was shown when the user was online and in a chat channel?
22. This IRC program has the capability to log chat sessions. List 3 IRC channels that the user of this computer accessed.
23. Ethereal, a popular “sniffing” program that can be used to intercept wired and wireless internet packets was also found to be installed. When TCP packets are collected and re-assembled, the default save directory is that users \My Documents directory. What is the name of the file that contains the intercepted data?
24. Viewing the file in a text format reveals much information about who and what was intercepted. What type of wireless computer was the victim (person who had his internet surfing recorded) using?
25. What websites was the victim accessing?
26. Search for the main user’s web-based email address. What is it?
27. Yahoo mail, a popular web-based email service, saves copies of the email under what file name?
28. How many executable files are in the recycle bin?
29. Are these files really deleted?
30. How many files are reported to be deleted by the file system?
31. Perform an Anti-Virus check. Are there any viruses on the computer?

Steps.

- Download the DD/Raw images
- Start a case within Autopsy
- Use other tools within CSI Linux as needed.
- Document everything.
- Walk through with screenshots including the third-party modules you've added
- Complete a Chain of Custody (Use the attached form below).
- Complete a final report
- Profit!

LABORATORY CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY FORM

Information Warfare Center
CSI Linux Forensic Challenge
Deadline July 1, 2020

SUBMITTER: PLEASE COMPLETE SECTIONS 1 AND 2 AND SIGN/DATE ON SUBMITTER LINE OF SECTION 4. DOCUMENT ALL SUBSEQUENT EVIDENCE TRANSFERS IN SECTION 4.

SECTION 1

INVESTIGATOR NAME:			**DATE SUBMITTED:** 01/01/2020
AGENCY: INFORMATION WARFARE CENTER			**AGENCY CASE NO.:** 01072020-SHARDT
ADDRESS:			
CITY/COUNTY:		**STATE:**	**ZIP CODE:**
PHONE NO.:	**FAX NO.:**	**E-MAIL:**	
EMERGENCY CONTACT:		**PHONE NO.:**	

SECTION 2

Sampling Site: CSI Linux Forensics Challenge		**Site Address: csilinux.com**
Collected By: NIST	**Date Collected: 01/01/2020**	**Agency: Information warfare center**

SUBMITTER DESCRIPTION: INCLUDE THE NUMBER OF CONTAINERS, IDENTIFICATION NUMBER(S) AND A PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF EACH SAMPLE SUBMITTED FOR TESTING.

The image of a laptop was taken by NIST.gov.

They have submitted via the website www.cfreds.nist.gov/Hacking_Case.html for review. We do not have access to the original hardware. There are two different image formats including a split DD image and an EnCase .E01 format. Both images contain a forensic copy of the same drive.

SUBMITTER COMMENTS:

SECTION 3

Laboratory Description of Sample: Include the number of containers, identification number(s) and a physical description of each item submitted for testing.	
SIGNATURE:	**DATE:**

SECTION 4

Chain of Custody: Persons relinquishing and receiving evidence must provide their signature, organization and date/time to document evidence transfers.

Submitter Signature: IWC Signature			**Agency: INFORMATION WARFARE CENTER**		**Date: 01/01/2020**
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9.			**10.**		

SECTION 5 – EVIDENCE DISPOSAL (TO BE COMPLETED BY LABORATORY EVIDENCE CUSTODIAN)

Disposition Site:	**Destruction No.:**	**Method of Destruction/Date:**
Performed by:		**Date:**
Witnessed by:		**Date:**

SECTION 6

Supplemental Information (i.e. sample description, comments, other)

Forensics: Different levels of data destruction & recoverability

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STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM:

"Data destruction is rapidly increasing day by day which is causing data and information loss."

Cyber-attacks are growing rampant on individuals as well as on organizations and companies. Data destruction is becoming a more popular means of defamation in both reputation and data integrity. With this article, we'll go over how to bypass the inherent difficulties that data destruction and data recovery possess.

PURPOSE FOR THE ARTICLE:

The purpose for writing and publishing this paper is to aware individuals (non-IT as well as IT related people) and companies about the data destruction, its types, its cure (when done by external) and why does it matter. Once the data completes its life then it is of no use for you and if you do not want to share it with anyone then you just simply destroy it legally. On the other hand, data recovery is very important as sometimes old data which is destructed comes in work for future. Our main focus will be data destruction.

DATA:

Data is basically the main key for any organization or person. All things are done based on data. every company and every person's sensitive and insensitive data is now shifted on computers and paperwork has been finished.

DATA SENSITIVITY:

Data of any individual or organization is always sensitive. firstly, data was stored on papers and so that data was facing different threats and then data was transferred on locally computers and now all data are also stored online. Basically, majority data is transferred online i.e cloud storage. Data has always faced different threats. Sensitive data like online transactions or any other state information requires high level protection.

DATA DESTRUCTION:

Data destruction means to make data unreadable, and so that data cannot be recovered, and to use that data for unauthorized purpose.

DATA DESTRUCTION vs DATA DELETION:

The destruction of data means that it can no longer be read by any system or app while when you delete a file from a system (electronic medium) then we are not able to see that file, but the information is still on hard drive of that system. Basically, Data destruction entails overwriting the current data with random data until the current data can no longer be retrieved or destroying the electronic medium.

DATA DESTRUCTION MATTERS:

In this era, data is the main key around the world. Every local and international companies as well as individuals depend on the electronic medium which means there is a threat to data. At the end of the lifecycle of the data, you must destroy that data in a legal manner because we may have important information that we are not interested in sharing with anyone else. The importance of destroying all data would seem to be obvious. Yet according to some studies, as much as 10 percent of used hard drives sold over the Internet still hold personal information. And it's not just individuals who fail to destroy all data. In 2012, Britain's National Health Service Trust was fined almost $500,000 for selling hardware online that contained the records of thousands of patients.

TYPES OF DATA DESTRUCTION:

Following are the types of data destruction:

DELETION:

As we mentioned above, deleting a file from an electronic device may remove it from a file folder but does not destroy the data. The data will remain on the hard drive or the memory chip of the electronic device. Even reformatting does not remove it; It simply replaces the existing file system with a new one. It is very easy for almost anyone to recover data from a disk that has only been reformatted as many tools exist on the Internet that allow an individual to do so. Using methods of this kind is a rather lazy, unimaginative and not very productive way to attempt data destruction.

Bleachbit

"When your computer is getting full, BleachBit quickly frees disk space. When your information is only your business, BleachBit guards your privacy. With BleachBit you can free cache, delete cookies, clear Internet history, shred temporary files, delete logs, and discard junk you didn't know was there..." – bleachbit.org

Darik's Boot and Nuke - DBAN

"Delete information stored on hard disk drives (HDDs) in PC laptops, desktops or servers. Plus, remove viruses/spyware from Microsoft Windows installations" - dban.org

Eraser

"Eraser is an advanced security tool for Windows which allows you to completely remove sensitive data from your hard drive by overwriting it several times with carefully selected patterns. Eraser is currently supported under Windows XP (with Service Pack 3), Windows Server 2003 (with Service Pack 2), Windows Vista, Windows Server 2008, Windows 7, 8, 10 and Windows Server 2012, 2016." - eraser.heidi.ie

DATA WIPING:

Data wiping involves overwriting data from an electronic medium so that this data can no longer be read. Data wiping is normally accomplished by physically connecting any media to a bulk wiping device. It can also be accomplished internally by starting a PC from a network or CD. As a process, it allows you to reuse any media wiped in this way without losing storage capacity. Data wiping can take a very long time, sometimes an entire day for just one device. Data wiping may be useful for an individual, but it is impractical for a business owner who has several devices they need wiped.

OVERWRITING DATA:

when you overwrite the data basically a pattern of ones and zeros is written on the data which vanishes the data. If the system has high security, then it is quite difficult to vanish data with overwriting method. We have to ensure that there would be no bit shadow (it is a remnant of information that has been overwritten but can still be detected using an electron microscope).

Overwriting is perhaps the most common way to destroy data. However, it can take a lot of time and only works when the medium being overwritten has not been damaged and can still have data written to it. It also does not offer any security protection during the overwriting process. Overwriting does not work on any hard drive that contains advanced storage management components. If you are overwriting a device due to legal requirements, you may require a license for every piece of media that is being overwritten. It is not foolproof.

Experts in the field recommend following the standards created by the (NIST) or the (IRS). If you follow the standards, you reduce the chances that someone will be able to recover data.

ERASURE:

Erasure is another term for overwriting. Erasure should be complete and destroy all data stored on a hard drive and deliver a certificate of destruction showing that the data on an electronic device has been successfully erased. Erasure is a great idea for businesses that have purchased equipment off-lease, such as desktops, enterprise data centers and laptops, or if you desire to reuse hard drives or redeploy them for storage of different materials.

PHYSICAL DESTRUCTION:

Physical destruction is also an efficient way for organizations and businesses of all sizes to destroy data. One of physical destruction’s best features is that it will give an organization the highest probability that data has been destroyed.

However, it can be costly, and since it involves the destruction of electronic media, there is a high capital cost as well. It can also cause a problem if an organization has a green and sustainable program for recycling old electronic media.

Degaussing is a form of physical destruction. Incineration is as well, although isn’t common because it requires destruction to occur away from human habitats and creates a chain of custody risk.

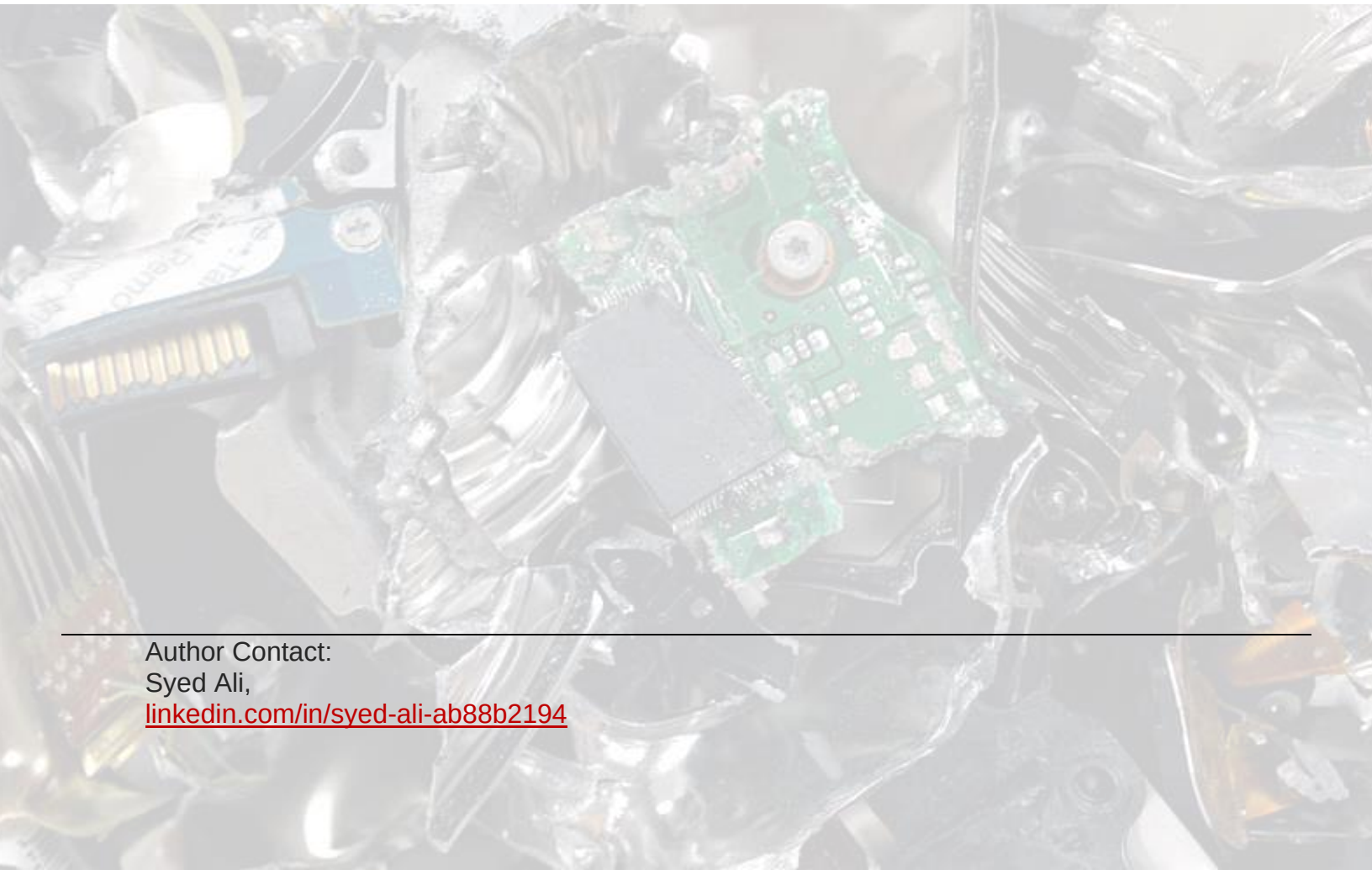
WHOM TO TRUST FOR DESTRUCTION OF DATA:

When choosing a data destruction company, there are several essential elements that you should keep in mind.

1. Sanitization certificate: Make sure the data destruction company provides certificates of sanitization for all media's data that has been destroyed. One of these certificates, which verifies that the data has been destroyed according to NIST guidelines, is known as a COS.
2. Documentation: Make sure the data destruction company supplies documentation. It's important to have a document that shows a clear audit trail that includes proof of erased data.
3. Compliance: Find out the standards that the company uses for data destruction. They should be familiar with both the NSA and the NIST guidelines. Ask about the data destruction process and how their employees are trained to make sure they maintain the standards
4. Methods OF Company: Ask them for an explanation of their methods. If a provider is unwilling to explain their methods for data destruction, walk away immediately. If you're worried about your data falling into the wrong hands, your best bet is to have it destroyed on-site and in the actual storage device if possible. This provides the fewest risks of any data breach.

LESSONS LEARNED (SUMMARY):

Data, if destroyed properly, can't be recovered but if one wants to destroy data temporarily then one can use overwriting, wiping, etc. as explained above. According to my opinion, data which you think could be used in future should not be destroyed because recovering data is expensive as well as time consuming.



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Security Vs. Privacy

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Abstract

Both privacy and security are crucial if you want to protect your personal information and your Safety. But what is the difference between privacy vs security? How much Cyber Security Influence National Security? How National Security Affects Privacy?

Until not long ago, we didn't have to worry about privacy and security all that much. Remember when all the technology we used to come in contact with were the phones that only hold a small number of text messages and call logs? Not to mention, there were no internet connection or apps that could compromise the security and privacy of our logs.

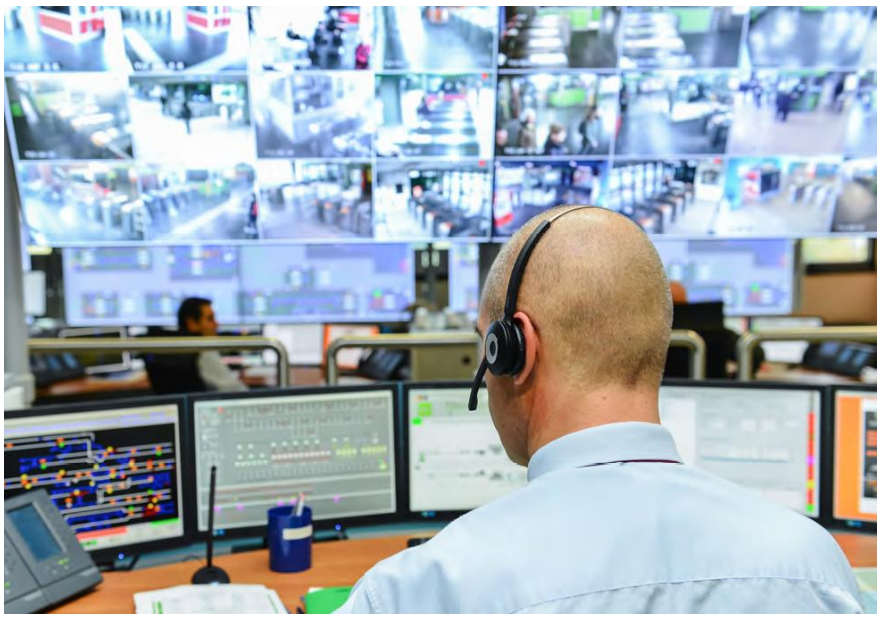
In today's era, where technology has become part of our daily routine, things have changed.

Now it's more important than ever to stay aware of the risks that come with using technology for most of our actions. From checking emails and interacting with our peers, to online shopping and online banking, we share most of our private information with the devices we interact with. And because the internet is a window that makes it possible for cybercriminals to access your private data if you don't protect your information properly, it's crucial that you learn more about both privacy and security.

Often enough, the terms of privacy and security get mixed up or are referred to as a whole. But they are not the same. And you may be wondering what the difference between privacy vs security actually is.

Why should you care? Well, for your online safety, it's important to have both privacy and security.

We'll go over what both privacy and security are and what is the difference between the two, why you should be cautious about your privacy and security, along with some tips about how to keep yourself safe online to avoid becoming a victim of internet hacking.



What is Privacy & Security?

Privacy and security are not estranged to one another but are closely related. While privacy refers to the control you have upon your private information, security refers to how this information is protected.

To better understand the difference between privacy vs security, let's take a closer look at what each of them is.

What is Privacy?

Privacy can simply be defined as the right to be left alone. 'It is a comprehensive right and it is the right most valued by a free people. **It is a fundamental human right.** A society in which there was a total lack of privacy would be intolerable; but then again a society in which there was a total privacy would be no society at all' (the is a balance needed). Privacy is the right of people to make personal decisions regarding their own intimate matters, it is the right of people to lead their lives in a manner that is reasonably secluded from public scrutiny, and it is the right of people to be free from such things as unwarranted drug testing or electronic surveillance.

What is information privacy?

Information privacy is the ability of an individual or group to stop information about themselves from becoming known to people other than those they choose to give the information to. Privacy is sometimes related to anonymity although it is often most highly valued by people who are publicly known.

Privacy can also be an aspect of security - one in which there are trade-offs between the interests of one group and another can become particularly clear.

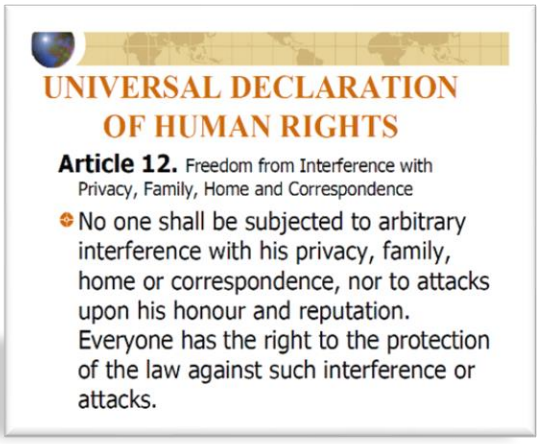
The UN Declaration of Human Rights defined Privacy as this:

No one shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to attacks upon his honor and reputation. Everyone had the right to the protection of the law against such interference or attacks.

While technology made it easier than ever to protect our privacy, the methods for others to tracking our activities have also increased. Nowadays, companies and the government can monitor all our conversations, online transactions, and all the locations we've been at. Gathering enough data gives entities the possibility of learning about our past, how we think, and even to predict our future actions. Doing so can not only affect our perception about society and the market but can also result in our personal information being exploited, and not necessary for the good.

The biggest challenge when it comes to privacy? You're not always aware that your privacy might be compromised.

Not only the internet is full of websites, apps, and software that are trying to hide the fact that they are collecting private information. But how many times have you clicked to agree to a privacy policy you haven't read? Most of the times, we are not even aware of what permissions we give companies regarding our private data, a mistake that could lead to terrible results.


UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS
Article 12. Freedom from Interference with Privacy, Family, Home and Correspondence
No one shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to attacks upon his honour and reputation. Everyone has the right to the protection of the law against such interference or attacks.

What is security?

Security is freedom from, or resilience against, potential harm (or other unwanted coercive change) caused by others. Beneficiaries (technically referents) of security may be of persons and social groups, objects and institutions, ecosystems or any other entity or phenomenon vulnerable to unwanted change.

Security mostly refers to protection from hostile forces, but it has a wide range of other senses: for example, as the absence of harm (e.g. freedom from want); as the presence of an essential good (e.g. food security); as resilience against potential damage or harm (e.g. secure foundations); as secrecy (e.g. a secure telephone line); as containment (e.g. a secure room or cell); and as a state of mind (e.g. emotional security).

The term is also used to refer to acts and systems whose purpose may be to provide security (e.g. security forces; security guard; cyber security systems; security cameras; remote guarding).

National security is the security of a nation state, including its citizens, economy, and institutions, which is regarded as a duty of government.

Originally conceived as protection against military attack, national security is now widely understood to include non-military dimensions, including the security from terrorism, crime, economic security, energy security, environmental security, food security, cyber security etc. Similarly, national security risks include, in addition to the actions of other nation states, action by violent non-state actors, narcotic cartels, and multinational corporations, and the effects of natural disasters.

Governments rely on a range of measures, including political, economic, and military power, as well as diplomacy to safeguard the security of the nation state. They may also act to build the conditions of security regionally and internationally by reducing transnational causes of insecurity, such as climate change, economic inequality, political exclusion, and nuclear proliferation.

Computer security, **cybersecurity**[1] or **information technology security** (**IT security**) is the protection of computer systems from the theft of or damage to their hardware, software, or electronic data, as well as from the disruption or misdirection of the services they provide.

The field is becoming more important due to increased reliance on computer systems, the Internet and wireless network standards such as Bluetooth and Wi-Fi, and due to the growth of "smart" devices, including smartphones, televisions, and the various devices that constitute the "Internet of things". Owing to its complexity, both in terms of politics and technology, cybersecurity is also one of the major challenges in the contemporary world.

Privacy, Law Enforcement, and National Security

By its very nature, law enforcement is an information-rich activity. The information activities of law enforcement can be broken into three categories.

- Gathering and analyzing information to determine that a law has been violated;
- Gathering and analyzing information to determine the identity of the person or persons responsible for a violation of law; and
- Gathering and analyzing information to enable a legal showing in court that the person or persons identified in fact were guilty of the violation.

All of these gathering and analysis activities have been altered in basic ways by functional advancements in the technologies that have become available for collecting, storing, and manipulating data.

Privacy Concerns and Law Enforcement

Any modern society requires an effective and rational law enforcement system. Gathering, storing, and analyzing extensive information are vital to the law enforcement process, even though some information will also be gathered about persons who are manifestly beyond suspicion.

Privacy concerns arise most clearly when law enforcement agencies gather information about those who have broken no law and are not suspects, or when such information is used for purposes other than the discovery or prosecution of criminals, or when the very process of gathering the information or the knowledge that such information is being gathered changes the behavior of those who are clearly innocent and above reproach.

In an interview with journalist Steve Kroft on 60 minutes, Julie Brill, Federal Trade Commissioner, remarked:

“No one even knows how many companies there are trafficking in our data. But it’s certainly in the thousands, and would include research firms, all sorts of Internet companies, advertisers, retailers and trade associations. The largest data broker is Acxiom, a marketing giant that brags it has, on average, 1,500 pieces of information on more than 200 million Americans.”

What’s worrisome is that some of these data mines could distribute your information without you even knowing. Take for instance, the recent news of the UK’s largest online pharmacy being fined $200,000 for selling patients’ personal data to scammers. Pharmacy2U was found to have unlawfully sold the names and addresses of more than 21,000 patients without getting their consent or even informing them beforehand. Even more troubling, one of the companies who bought this data included a fraudulent Australian Lottery company that deliberately targeted elderly males with chronic health conditions.

To compound the worries of intentional data sharing, there is the unintentional sharing that results from cyber breaches and attacks. Some major corporate data and security breaches occurred this past year, among them:

- Healthcare Provider BlueCross BlueShield experienced two hits. The Excellus BlueCross BlueShield and Premera BlueCross BlueShield breaches resulted in the potential leaks of name, date of birth, social security number, bank account information, telephone and address for over 21.7 million healthcare subscribers.

- Credit Service Provider Experian was targeted by hackers, compromising the the private data of its 15 million T-Mobile customers. The compromised data included social security numbers, dates of birth and ID numbers.

- CVS Pharmacy had to pull its popular online photo print ordering site due to a suspected hack. Credit card data, email & postal addresses, phone numbers and passwords were taken. It's not clear how many millions were affected.

- Toy manufacturer VTech suffered a scary breach, especially considering that the hack attack affected the privacy of innocent youngsters. Leaks of child profiles (including name, gender and birthday), sales logs, email, profile photos and activity logs affected lose to 5 million parents and more than 6 million children.

And of course, there was the infamous Ashley Madison attacks, which, for better or worse, resulted in the outing of 37 million cheating users.

Companies are taking a lot of data, but understandably consumers are worried if this private and valuable data is being adequately protected.

Yet new Internet bills that have been introduced, which ideally would provide advanced protection, have certainly not assuaged any fears.

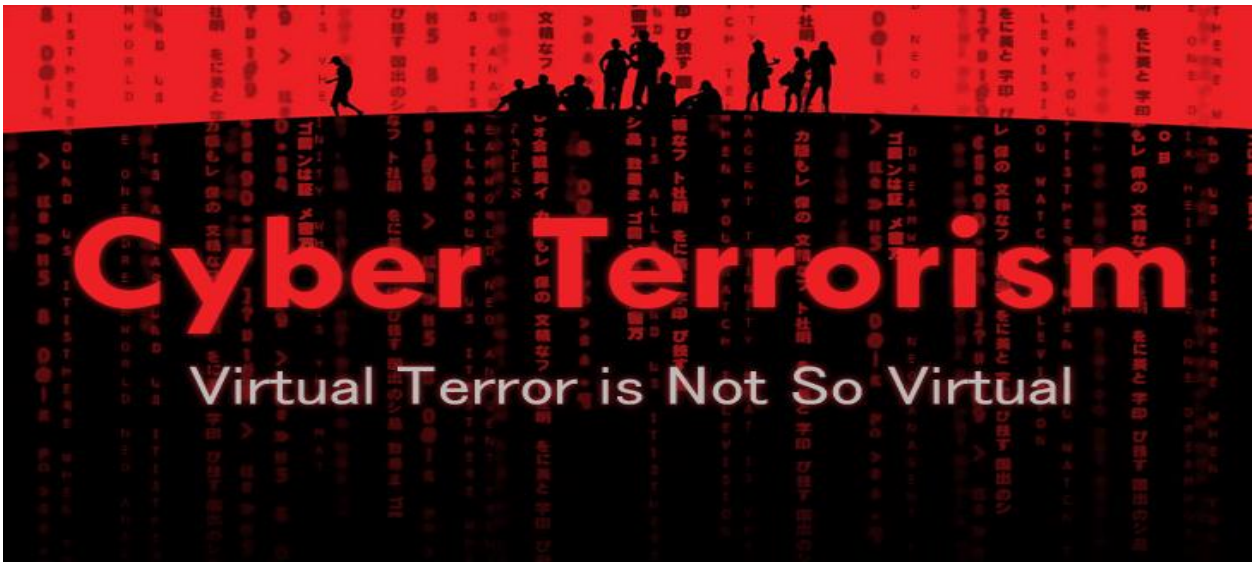
The passing of the CISA bill has been extremely controversial, as we discussed in our blog post 10 Things to Know About the CISA Bill. The bill, which, as stated, aims to "improve cybersecurity" with "enhanced sharing of information about cybersecurity threats," essentially encourages the sharing of Internet traffic information amongst private entities and federal government agencies with the hopes of preventing large-scale cyber-attacks.

It has, however, been criticized by many cybersecurity and online privacy advocates. They point out that it incentivizes businesses sharing their data with the government and other businesses, rather than encouraging the actual heavy lifting required to ensure real protection against cyber-attacks.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, PRIVACY, AND NATIONAL SECURITY

Nowhere is the disparity of power and resources greater than that between the individual citizen and the federal government. At the same time, it is primarily the federal government that needs to gather information not only for law enforcement purposes but also to ensure the national security of the country. Such data-gathering activity differs in several respects from similar activities performed for law enforcement, notably in the procedures that must be followed, the oversight that constrains the intelligence agencies, and the ability of those about whom data is gathered to view and amend or correct that data.

National Security: The Other Side of the Coin



The recent course of events, like the Paris Terror attacks and San Bernardino shootings, reveal that the global online reach of terrorist groups can't be ignored either.

The use of the web and social media channels is increasingly popular among extremists who have been successful in using these channels to recruit, radicalize and raise funds. As many of us already know, Terrorist groups avidly uses all forms of social media including YouTube, Twitter, Instagram and Tumblr. One day the group reached an all-time high of almost 40,000 tweets in one day as they marched into the northern Iraqi city of Mosul.

Since the highly coordinated Paris attacks, which took the lives of 129 innocent people, there's been a great deal of talk regarding the measures international governments should and will take.

The attacks highlight the mounting difficulties Western intelligence agencies are having tracking and thwarting terror attacks as terrorists increase their online presence and move towards sophisticated methods of encrypted communications.

As Yahoo News reported, Nick Rasmussen, the current director of the NCTC, National Counter Terrorism Center, told a congressional committee that terrorists are displaying a growing ability to communicate "outside our reach" and the difficulty in tracking their plots is "increasing over time."

Terrorists' aggressive and sophisticated approach towards online communication, coupled with the new obstacles in tracking their activity, poses a unique challenge for government intelligence agencies.

In reaction, government authorities have sought to establish new, more powerful legislations. The UK Investigatory Powers Bill, for instance, aims to revamp rules governing the way authorities can access people's communications in order to help the government combat crime, terrorism and other threats to national security.

However, like CISA, this bill has raised strong privacy concerns. For instance, it includes new power requiring communications firms, such as broadband or mobile phone to hold a year's_worth of consumers' communications data. In the past, under the existing law, government agencies could ask firms to start collecting this data but couldn't access historic information because companies didn't keep it.

The UK Investigatory Powers Bill has also come under hot water due to its approach towards encryption. The bill includes a clause that would compel companies in the UK to hand over their encryption key so that scrambled messages could be decoded and read.

Most recently, Apple has taken a stand to voice their concerns about this, pointing out that doing so could also inadvertently create a weakness that others could then exploit, making users' data less secure.

As the BBC reports, the company stated: "A key left under the doormat would not just be there for the good guys. The bad guys would find it too."

National Security and Technology Development

While law enforcement agencies were among the early adopters of information technology, the agencies involved in intelligence gathering and analysis have often been the generators of technological innovation. Since the efforts during World War II to break the codes of other countries and to ensure that U.S. codes could not be broken, the intelligence community has directly developed, collaborated in the development, or funded the development of much of the current information infrastructure.

Many of the technologies that are used to gather, sift, and collate data were developed initially by the intelligence agencies either for the purposes of cryptography or to allow them to sift through the vast amounts of information that they gather to find patterns for interpretation. At the same time, the cryptographic techniques that can be used both to ensure the privacy of stored information and to secure channels of communication trace their roots back to the same intelligence services, in their role as securers of the nation's secrets. Moreover, many of the concepts of computer security, used to ensure that only those with the appropriate rights can access sensitive information, have been leveraged from developments that trace back to the intelligence or defense communities.

There is considerable uncertainty outside the intelligence community about the true nature and extent of national capabilities in these areas. Many of those concerned about protecting privacy rights assume that the technology being used for intelligence purposes has capabilities far above technology available to the public. Rightly or wrongly, it is often assumed that the intelligence community can defeat any privacy-enhancing technology that is available to the general public and has a capability of gathering and collating information that is far beyond any that is commercially available. Given the secret nature of the national security endeavor, this assumption is understandably neither confirmed nor denied by either those intelligence-gathering groups themselves or the governmental bodies that are supposed to oversee those groups.

Terrorism has become more ferocious following the September 11, 2001 attacks in the United States. Since then, it has spread across Europe, to parts of Asia, specifically in Mindanao.

Along with rising criminality, advocates claim the havoc brought by both is enough justification for the adoption of a national ID system. They said the system can help government determine quickly the status of individuals and weed out those with false identification and false intentions.

On everyday life undertakings, a national ID card could obviate the worries and problems of presenting the “valid IDs” required in order to consummate transactions with government and private sector.
Yet, those against the idea find the program’s feasibility a problem. They insist that it would be difficult to ensure that all of the country’s population would register. The case of vagabonds is one example.
The cost of a tamper-proof ID is also expensive. Note that it would need trained people to distribute them too.

Most important of all, it has a high potential for abuse, i.e. invasion of privacy. Unscrupulous individuals could use the national ID system to fleece other people while government officials could use it as an effective weapon against their critics, even those with legitimate grievances.

Pros of Government Surveillance

1. It is one of three primary methods of collecting information to keep people safe.

Marc Thiessen from The Washington Post argues that there are only three ways that the government can collect the data that is needed to keep everyone in the country safe. Officials can obtain the information by questioning subjects, infiltrating enemy groups, or using intelligence resources to monitor communications. Even though this effort can track the phone calls, text messages, and emails of millions of people who pose no threat to the country, the argument is that the government surveillance is necessary to detect any association to international terrorism.

2. Surveillance does not create a threat of physical harm on its own.

When the government is performing surveillance over video, communication lines, and Internet resources, then no one is being physically harmed by these activities. You can install trackers on a vehicle that might invade some of your privacy, but it will not be an actual attack on your person. Because the goal of this work is to discover criminal activities, many people believe that the ends justify the means when it comes to keeping everyone safe.

3. The act of surveillance acts as a deterrent to would-be criminals.

Because there is an extensive web of government surveillance in place across the country, there is a natural deterrent in place that stops criminal activity before it can start. People tend to react to safety interventions instead of responding to them, which means their effort at harming someone is stopped before it can start. When those with nefarious intent discover that they have no way to hide from law enforcement, then there are fewer incidents that will eventually come to fruition.

That won’t stop the individuals who take their communication underground, but it can pick up many of the conversations and messages that people exchange when trying to coordinate an attack.

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4. It provides a real-time look that provides an accurate account of events.

When we look at the case of Trayvon Martin, who was an unarmed African-American teen that was shot because of his appearance, the most important evidence was the words of the shooter about how the argument between the two began. During the trial, the statements of the eyewitnesses differed, creating uncertainty about the sequence of events. With surveillance in place, it would have been much easier to determine what happened and what level of justice was necessary in that circumstance.

5. Surveillance equipment can be installed almost anywhere.

The modern equipment for government surveillance can go almost anywhere. You can find cameras installed on telephone poles, stop lights, and in the ceilings and exterior of homes and businesses around the world. There are automated license plate readers that can be installed almost anywhere to track driving patterns in the city. Drones can provide real-time surveillance as well.

Then you have the secret programs of the government that can record and analyze data automatically on a mass scale.

6. Government surveillance can occur on a global scale.

Under FISA 702, the U.S. government can collect a massive quantity of detailed, sensitive, and intimate personal information about individuals from all over the world. This advantage includes anyone who has a foreign intelligence interest for the government. That means we can even eavesdrop of foreign ambassadors, gather information about commodities, and then use all of this information to gain more leverage during negotiations.

Cons of Government Surveillance

1. It is impossible to catch everything that happens in society.

When the government is conducting surveillance on a mass scale, then it is impossible for the monitors to pay close attention to everything that happens in society. Even when there are automated systems in place that can alert the authorities to suspicious behavior, conversation keywords, or specific subjects who could be problematic, the number of false positives in the system are always going to be greater than the real problems you're trying to catch.

The world is full of a variety of conversations that makes monitoring all of them an imprecise effort at best. From the words with double meanings to metaphors that alarm systems unintentionally, there is a lot of data to sort through. That reduces the chances to catch something of concern.

2. Anyone can connect the dots in hindsight.

When we look back at the various acts of violence that were captured through government surveillance, it is notable that many of the perpetrators tend to appear on watch lists because of the sheer amount of data collected. When Boston bomber Tamerlan Tsarnaev was placed on a terrorist watch list before attacking the city during the marathon, it was much easier to see the behavioral patterns and actions that led to the event after the fact than it was to predict what his actions would be.

This issue creates a conundrum for government surveillance. You can always see clearly in retrospect. That means we tend to learn more when we start to connect the dots instead of trying to prevent problems in real time.

3. Surveillance misses lead to even more data being collected on people.

When there is a miss from government surveillance activities, then the reaction tends to be an ever-closer analysis of the information that was collected already. It can also lead the authorities to add even more surveillance to create additional data to sift through in the hopes that the real threats can be isolated from the false ones. This outcome means that there will be more privacy invasions over time as AI and human investigators apply a mass-scrutiny policy to their review efforts.

“There will come a time when it isn’t ‘They’re spying on me through my phone’ anymore,” said Philip K. Dick. “Eventually, it will be ‘My phone is spying on me’.”

4. Government surveillance places innocent people under investigation.

Even if the data collected through government surveillance creates a reasonable suspicion of conduct for the targeted person, there may not be a guarantee that the individual is guilty. When we increase the amount of coverage that’s available in society, then we begin to restrict the rights of those who don’t deserve security interventions.

We have already seen innocent people being placed on watch lists, having their lives placed underneath the microscope of an investigation, and it occurs with ever-fewer pieces of evidence that back up the scope of what is happening. “There are no private lives,” said Dick. “This is a most important aspect of modern life. One of the biggest transformations we have seen in our society is the diminution of the sphere of the private.”

5. The government can use the information for its own benefit.

The information that the government collects through surveillance can provide more data on behaviors and choices that go beyond the need for safety. This effort could help politicians discover unique data points which might predict voter behavior patterns in an election. It shows a person’s travel patterns, the structure of their social networks, and even the products they prefer to purchase at the grocery store.

When the government can use the information from surveillance to influence people to vote or buy in specific ways, then they are changing the very fabric of society. It is an authoritarian way to govern without the presence of a dictator to direct traffic. “Under observation, we act less free,” said Edward Snowden, “which means we effectively are less free.”

6. Government surveillance sweeps gather more bystanders than subjects.

In an analysis of the information gathered through FISA 702, the number of non-targeted communications are 10 times greater than the data that the government actually wants to analyze from a suspect. Even if the goal is to spy on foreigners only, the huge volumes of data cannot help but to bring in information from email exchanges, photographs, social medial sharing, and conversations.

The government classifies the unwanted data as being incidental, but that doesn't necessarily stop the information from being used in inappropriate ways. Once the data is acquired, other law enforcement agencies can search through the information without the need to obtain a warrant in some situations.

7. There is a persistent threat for insider abuse.

There are already documented cases of agents in the government taking advantage of the data that surveillance programs collect information about others. It is easy to access this data to look at what is going on with a spouse, a mistress, or someone who is a personal enemy. The problem is so prevalent that there are nicknames for these searches.

The insider abuse of this data also applies in the form of attorney-client privilege. Governments are not bound to recognize this confidential nature of this relationship with the data that they collect. That means people could potentially incriminate themselves through surveillance even though they believe that there are protections in place while they prepare for their defense.

8. Individuals can be charged without any knowledge of their participation.

This disadvantage comes to us courtesy of the Upstream program from the NSA. The government scans the information that flows over the internet to see if there is information about foreign intelligence targets. If you mention a political figure to a friend who lives overseas, then that could be enough to trigger a review of your conversation. Discussing their address or contact information could even lead to charges.

This issue could apply if you're having a conversation with someone who commits a crime without your knowledge. In the United States, government surveillance efforts could collect your whole email account even if there is only one email that triggers the automated review systems.

9. There may not be any oversight over the government surveillance programs.

Under section 702 in the United States, there is no judicial participation in the targeting decisions made by the government. The courts will assess the procedures to determine if they fit into the correct procedures that authorize this monitoring. There is no actual oversight on the targeting decisions that get made. That means any of the information that is collected through incidental gathering can flow to law enforcement even though it was never authorized by a judge.

10. There is an expense to consider with government surveillance.

When you consider all of the technology investments, labor, and analyzing hours that go into a government surveillance program, the amount of money that gets spent each year can total several billion dollars. That money comes through taxpayer support in the name of defense, which means the population effectively pays for the data that the government could potentially use against them under the right set of circumstances.

With each new piece of technology, a dangerous cat-and-mouse game emerges – increased connectivity also leads to a greater chance of a breach of confidentiality. That is why the Special Rapporteur calls upon the UN human rights mechanisms to update their conceptualizations of the right to privacy in the context of new technologies. Without this, existing protections will not just become outdated. Rather, inaction to reconceptualize how our privacy is protected will leave the door wide open for States to abuse new technology, violating our rights in the process, all because those with the power to do so refused to act.

Any State that is serious about promoting the right to free expression must get serious about promoting the right to privacy. A free and open press is nothing if the journalists writing for the papers are at risk of surveillance; if the individuals who read the online news sources are being tracked and their data recorded. Just as security cannot be used to justify the suppression of minority opinions, so too it must not be used to justify the monitoring, profiling, tracking and general unwarranted interference with our lives, our autonomy, and the development of our personalities.

Privacy is the fundamental barrier that stands in the way of complete State control and domination. Without it, the social contract is broken, and individuals cannot recognize their democratic rights to participate, build, grow and think. A citizenry unable to form or communicate private thoughts without the interference of the State will not only be deprived of their right to privacy, they will be deprived of their human dignity. For the ability to freely think and impart ideas is essential to who we are as human beings.

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Anonymity on the Web

Installation and Configuration of Tor and Privoxy

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Tor is arguably the most prominent tool for browsing the internet and providing privacy and anonymity. There are several methods for staying anonymous on the internet, and Tor's Onion routing method, is one of the most successful methods available. Onion routing is the method of ensuring the contents of data transmissions is encrypted during routing until it reaches the exit node while hiding the source of the transmission. Onion routing works by establishing a connection from point A to the destination at point B, but it takes several detours along the way using an encrypted chain of relays called Onion. The network communications from point to point down the chain are encrypted, and each node is referred to as a relay, and each relay only knows which relay it received information from, and which relay it is sending to next. In theory, this method will make it harder to figure out where the transmission came from after it has passed through multiple relays. Tor communications use an encrypted private network path, called a "circuit," and creates several layers using relays. The "Onion method" proves to be an effective way of hiding the transmitting hosts identity, and the contents of the transmission. Tor used with additional proxies, and VPNs make it even harder for network communications to be deciphered.

Tor uses volunteers and sponsors to establish the relays, and new users to Tor can opt to join the Tor network as a relay. Tor's communications are considered low latency because the Tor network creates its own private network path, called a circuit, rather than stick to the shortest path method utilized by most Internet Service Providers. The last relay in the communication path in the Tor network is referred to as the "exit relay." All network connections in the Tor network are encrypted from the first relay to the exit relay.

Please be aware that if you choose to be part of the Tor network and host relays, that running an exit relay can have some legal implications. Exit relays are the last interface from the Tor network onto the internet, and any activity that is legal, or illegal is carried from the exit relay to its final destination. Tor isn't always used for innocent network transmissions, so it is advised that exit relays are ran by hosting companies and not hosted personally at a household. Furthermore, you should notify your Internet Service Provider about potential issues that could come from hosting an exit relay.

Tor has several uses for criminal investigations and is commonly used by Law Enforcement (LE) agencies. Tor allows LE to surf the web without leaving any trace which is important to protect their identity from suspecting criminals. It is easy for the host of an illegal web site to check logs for IP addresses, and if multiple connections from a government IP address were detected it would tip off the suspect that there may be an ongoing investigation into their illegal activity. Likewise, Tor is also used for sting operations to keep LE anonymous when conducting web transactions. Tor can also be used by LE for "tip lines" because they allow users to remain anonymous and this fosters a trusting environment for potential informants.

Please remember, before you surf the web using Tor that you should not conduct illegal activity. If you are trying to remain anonymous don't login to your email, social media accounts, or any other identifying internet accounts. If you are simply using Tor for location obscurity, and encryption in order to be security conscious then Tor is a great tool. If you want to remain anonymous you need to remember to shy away from any actions that can be used to identify you while using Tor.

This walk through is going to cover how to Install and configure Tor, Privoxy, and Tor Browser. You will also learn how to use a script that can be made to turn on Tor, and the Tor Services, or turn it off with a simple command.

This install will cover the following:

- Installing Tor
- Installing Privoxy
- Installing Tor Launching Script
- Using Tor and Privoxy
- Create a Script to Toggle Tor Circuit and Services On and Off
- Give Users Permission to Start the Tor Service Without Sudo Password
- Install Tor Browser

Installing Tor

This method of installing Tor uses your general network proxy to use SOCKS proxy and is applied to the system, and not just a specific browser. SOCKS can be configured two ways. The first way to use SOCKS is within the application, and the second way is to configure a global SOCKS proxy configuration that uses an external wrapper to force the application to use socks. Setting up the proxy will be covered in the Using Tor and Privoxy section of this walk-through. d

1. **Run** the following command to install **apt-transport-https** and enter your sudo password:

   sudo apt install apt-transport-https curl

   Note: This is performed so that you can get the repository key using https repositories using the curl command.

   ```
   iwcdev@iwcdev:~$ sudo apt install apt-transport-https curl
   ```

2. **Run** the following command to perform root user functions:

   sudo -i

   ```
   iwcdev@iwcdev:~$ sudo -i
   root@iwcdev:~#
   ```

3. **Run** the following commands to **add** the **Tor Repository** to the **sources.list.d** file:

   echo "deb deb.torproject.org/torproject.org/ $(lsb_release -cs) main" > /etc/apt/sources.list.d/tor.list

   ```
   root@iwcdev:~# echo "deb https://deb.torproject.org/torproject.org/ $(lsb_release -cs) main" > /etc/apt/sources.list.d/tor.list
   ```

4. **Run** the following command to **download** the **tor key**:

   curl deb.torproject.org/torproject.org/A3C4F0F979CAA22CDBA8F512EE8CBC9E886DDD89.asc | gpg --import

```
root@iwcdev:~# curl https://deb.torproject.org/torproject.org/A3C4F0F979CAA22CDBA8F512EE8CBC9E886DDD89
.asc | gpg --import
gpg: directory '/root/.gnupg' created
gpg: keybox '/root/.gnupg/pubring.kbx' created
  % Total    % Received % Xferd  Average Speed   Time    Time     Time  Current
                                 Dload  Upload   Total   Spent    Left  Speed
100 19665  100 19665    0     0  16497      0  0:00:01  0:00:01 --:--:-- 16497
gpg: key EE8CBC9E886DDD89: 36 signatures not checked due to missing keys
gpg: /root/.gnupg/trustdb.gpg: trustdb created
gpg: key EE8CBC9E886DDD89: public key "deb.torproject.org archive signing key" imported
gpg: Total number processed: 1
gpg:               imported: 1
gpg: no ultimately trusted keys found
root@iwcdev:~#
```

5. **Run** the following command to **add** the **gpg key**:

   gpg --export A3C4F0F979CAA22CDBA8F512EE8CBC9E886DDD89 | apt-key add -

```
root@iwcdev:~# gpg --export A3C4F0F979CAA22CDBA8F512EE8CBC9E886DDD89 | apt-key add -
OK
```

6. **Run** the following command to update **Advanced Package Tool (APT)**:

   apt update

```
root@iwcdev:~# apt update
Hit:1 http://es.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu disco InRelease
Get:2 http://es.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu disco-updates InRelease [97.5 kB]
Get:3 http://es.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu disco-backports InRelease [88.8 kB]
Get:4 http://es.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu disco-security InRelease [97.5 kB]
Hit:5 https://artifacts.elastic.co/packages/7.x/apt stable InRelease
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   Note: APT is a tool used in the Terminal in Linux that allows for dpkg packaging system to manage software installations. APT is preferred of the standalone dpkg manager because it is user friendly and will install, update / upgrade, or remove packages.

7. **Run** the following command to install **Tor**, **tor-geoipdb**, **torsocks**, and the **deb.torproject.org-keyring**:

   sudo apt install tor tor-geoipdb torsocks deb.torproject.org-keyring

```
root@iwcdev:~# sudo apt install tor tor-geoipdb torsocks deb.torproject.org-keyring
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
Suggested packages:
  mixmaster torbrowser-launcher socat tor-arm apparmor-utils obfs4proxy
The following NEW packages will be installed:
  deb.torproject.org-keyring tor tor-geoipdb torsocks
0 upgraded, 4 newly installed, 0 to remove and 4 not upgraded.
Need to get 2,437 kB of archives.
After this operation, 12.9 MB of additional disk space will be used.
Get:1 http://es.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu disco/universe amd64 torsocks amd64 2.3.0-1 [61.1 kB]
Get:2 https://deb.torproject.org/torproject.org disco/main amd64 deb.torproject.org-keyring all 2018
.08.06 [4,922 B]
Get:3 https://deb.torproject.org/torproject.org disco/main amd64 tor amd64 0.4.1.6-1~disco+1 [1,425
kB]
Get:4 https://deb.torproject.org/torproject.org disco/main amd64 tor-geoipdb all 0.4.1.6-1~disco+1 [
946 kB]
Fetched 2,437 kB in 13s (189 kB/s)

Selecting previously unselected package deb.torproject.org-keyring.
(Reading database ... 295285 files and directories currently installed.)
```

Installing Privoxy

Privoxy is a web proxy that filters web page data and HTTP headers to remove adds and other unwanted content.

1. **Run** the following command to install **Privoxy**:

   sudo apt install privoxy

   and

   press yes to continue

```
root@iwcdev:~# sudo apt install privoxy
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following additional packages will be installed:
  doc-base libuuid-perl libyaml-tiny-perl
Suggested packages:
  rarian-compat
The following NEW packages will be installed:
  doc-base libuuid-perl libyaml-tiny-perl privoxy
0 upgraded, 4 newly installed, 0 to remove and 4 not upgraded.
Need to get 617 kB of archives.
After this operation, 2,716 kB of additional disk space will be used.
Do you want to continue? [Y/n]
```

2. **Run** the following command to **edit** the **Privoxy Config** file:

   sudo nano /etc/privoxy/config

```
root@iwcdev:~# sudo nano /etc/privoxy/config
```

3. **Paste** the following line at the very end of the config:

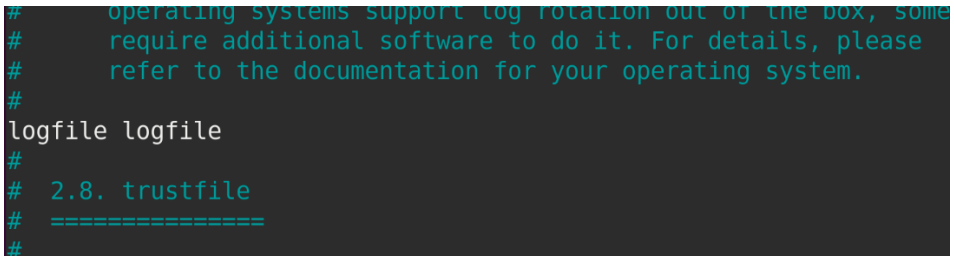
   forward-socks5 / localhost:9050 .

   Note: the period is intended after this line, so ensure you have the space and period at the end.

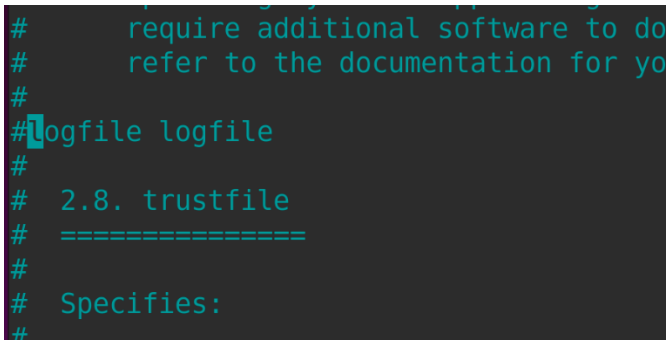
```
 GNU nano 3.2                          /etc/privoxy/config

#close-button-minimizes 1
#
#
#
#  The "hide-console" option is specific to the MS-Win console
#  version of Privoxy. If this option is used, Privoxy will
#  disconnect from and hide the command console.
#
#hide-console
#
#
#
forward-socks5 / localhost:9050 .
```

4. **Hash** (#) out the **logfile logfile** line in the **/etc/privoxy** config:


operating systems support log rotation out of the box, some
require additional software to do it. For details, please
refer to the documentation for your operating system.
#
logfile logfile
#
2.8. trustfile
==============
#

Note: It should look like the following:



5. **Run** the following commands to save, and exit the file:

press “ctrl and X”
press “Y”

NOTE: Do not change the file name**.**

press “Return”

6. **Run** the following command to restart the Privoxy Service:

sudo systemctl restart privoxy

Using Tor and Privoxy

1. **Run** the following command to ensure the Tor service is running:

sudo systemctl start tor

2. To use **torsocks** with a specific program just use the following command:

torsocks program_name

Note: Replace "program_name" with the program name you want to run, and it will run the program with torsocks enabled. Below is an example of running curl ipv4.icanhazip.com. The first box is masked for obvious reasons, but it will return your default ip address by running the following command: curl ipv4.icanhazip.com. If you run torsocks curl ipv4.icanhazip.com it will return a different IP address, because the torsocks is enabled for that program.

```
root@iwcdev:~# curl ipv4.icanhazip.com
[redacted]
root@iwcdev:~# torsocks curl ipv4.icanhazip.com
185.220.101.3
root@iwcdev:~#
```

If you received an error running the torsocks command, the tor service may need to be turned on. It is worth noting that attempting to run **torsocks firefox**, or **torsocks google-chrome** will not work with the command line tool, so you will need to perform the following steps to manually enable tor socks5 proxy.

Note: The following steps require network manager; if you don't have Network Manager installed run the following command:

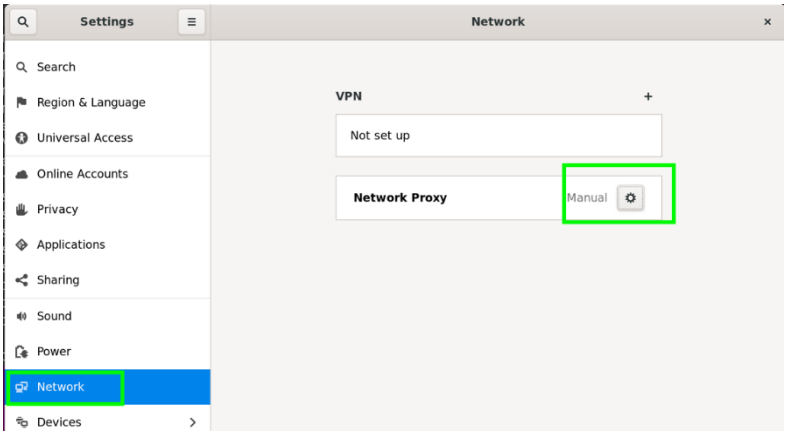
apt-get install network-manager

```
root@iwcdev:~# apt-get install network-manager
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following packages were automatically installed and are no longer required:
  linux-image-5.0.0-25-generic linux-modules-5.0.0-25-generic
  linux-modules-extra-5.0.0-25-generic
Use 'apt autoremove' to remove them.
The following additional packages will be installed:
  dns-root-data dnsmasq-base libbluetooth3 libmbim-glib4 libmbim-proxy libndp0
```

3. **Go to Settings** and Perform the following:

   Click Network

   Click the Manual Icon in the Network Proxy settings area

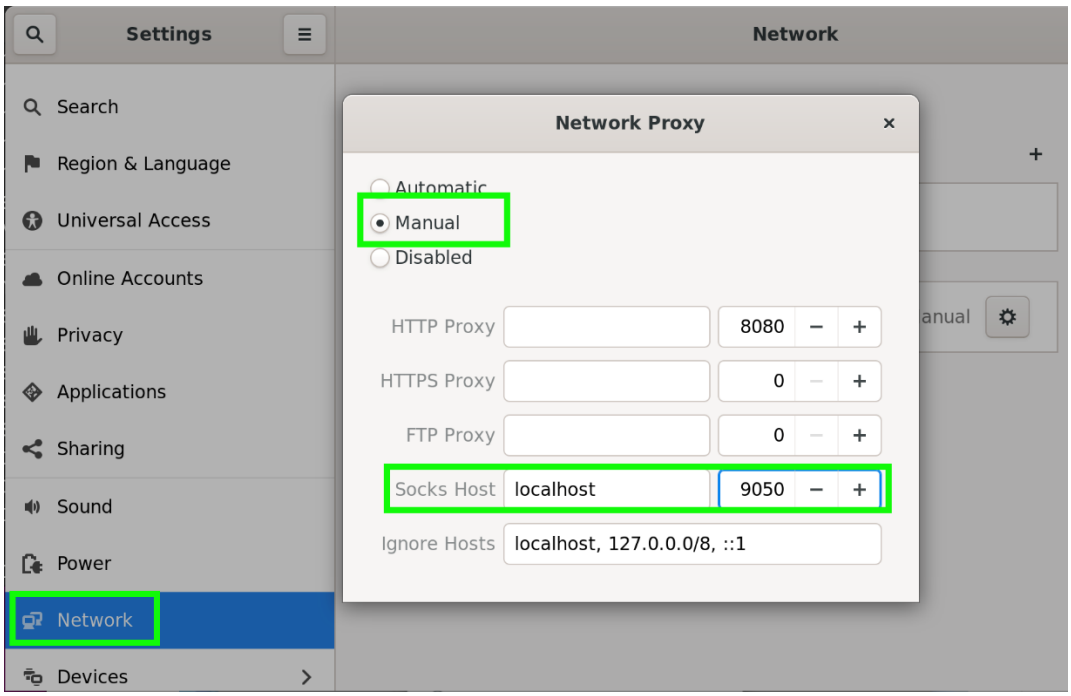


4. Under the **Network Settings** and **Network Proxy settings configure** the following:

   Click Manual

   Enter **Localhost** and change the port to **9050** in the Socks Host configuration box.

   Note: Leave everything else the same.



5. **Perform** the following commands to restart the **NetworkManager**, and **Tor services**:

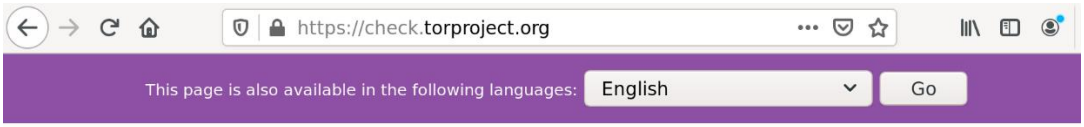
   systemctl restart NetworkManager.service

   systemctl restart tor

```
root@iwcdev:~# systemctl restart NetworkManager.service
root@iwcdev:~# systemctl restart tor
root@iwcdev:~#
```

6. **Go to** the following web address to see if your tor is working correctly after setting up the manual Proxy:

   check.torproject.org



Congratulations. This browser is configured to use Tor.

Your IP address appears to be: **51.75.71.123**

Note: You should see an output similar to this one, but with a different IP address. This is how you will know if Tor is working correctly. Ensure the IP address showing is not your actual IP address prior to running Tor.

If you want to disable Tor, you can go back into the proxy settings and change it from manual to none. If you want to be able to turn off the proxy setting by performing a command at the terminal, then follow the next part of this walk through.

Create a Script to Toggle Tor Proxy and Services On and Off

Note: Ensure you are still the Super User before starting the following steps.

1. **Run** the following command to change directory to the /bin directory:

   cd /usr/bin

```
root@iwcdev:/# cd /usr/bin
root@iwcdev:/usr/bin#
```

Note: Ensure you are the SU account.

2. **Run** the following command to create **torswitch.**

   nano torswitch

```
root@iwcdev:/usr/bin# nano torswitch
```

3. **Paste** the following information into the file:

   #!/bin/bash

   case "$(gsettings get org.gnome.system.proxy mode)" in
   "'none'") gsettings set org.gnome.system.proxy mode "'manual'"
   echo "Tor Enabled" && sudo systemctl start tor && sudo systemctl start privoxy;;
   "'manual'") gsettings set org.gnome.system.proxy mode "'none'"
   echo "Tor Disabled" && sudo systemctl stop tor && sudo systemctl stop privoxy ;;
   esac

```
 GNU nano 3.2                        torswitch                          Modified

#!/bin/bash

case "$(gsettings get org.gnome.system.proxy mode)" in
"'none'") gsettings set org.gnome.system.proxy mode "'manual'"
echo "Tor Enabled" && sudo systemctl start tor && sudo systemctl start privoxy;;
"'manual'") gsettings set org.gnome.system.proxy mode  "'none'"
echo "Tor Disabled" && sudo systemctl stop tor && sudo systemctl stop privoxy ;;
esac
```

1. **Run** the following commands to save, and exit the file:

   press "ctrl and X"
   press "Y"

   NOTE: Do not change the file name**.**

   press "Return"

   Note: Regular system users that don't have permission to start services will have to use the Sudo account password when running the script to start the services. The next section in this walk-through will show you a work around to add users to the sudoer file to allow execution of services without having to enter sudo password.

4. **Run** the following command to give the file execute privileges:

   chmod a+x /usr/bin/torswitch

```
root@iwcdev:/usr/bin# chmod a+x /usr/bin/torswitch
```

5. **Run** the following command to turn the Tor Proxy, and services on and off:

   torswitch

```
root@iwcdev:/usr/bin# torswitch
Tor Disabled
root@iwcdev:/usr/bin# torswitch
Tor Enabled
root@iwcdev:/usr/bin#
```

6. **Run** the following command to see the status of the Tor Service and ensure the script is working properly:

   sudo systemctl status tor

Note: The output should show the tor services are off if the script output says, "Tor Disabled." Likewise, the service should say its active if the script says, "Tor Enabled."

```
root@iwcdev:/usr/bin# torswitch
Tor Disabled
root@iwcdev:/usr/bin# torswitch
Tor Enabled
root@iwcdev:/usr/bin# systemctl status tor
● tor.service - Anonymizing overlay network for TCP (multi-instance-master)
   Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/tor.service; enabled; vendor preset: enab
   Active: active (exited) since Sun 2019-11-03 20:57:12 EST; 3min 14s ago
  Process: 3699 ExecStart=/bin/true (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
 Main PID: 3699 (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)

Nov 03 20:57:12 iwcdev systemd[1]: Starting Anonymizing overlay network for TCP
Nov 03 20:57:12 iwcdev systemd[1]: Started Anonymizing overlay network for TCP (
lines 1-8/8 (END)
```

When you start Tor with Super User, the .cache/dconf cache ownership is taken by the Super User. If you switch to a regular system user, you will see an error similar to the following picture. The Tor service will still work, but you'll see these errors. If you did not start the Torswitch program with a Root or Super User account, then you won't see this error when using Tor as a regular user, but you will need to enter the Sudo password to start the service if your user doesn't have permission.

```
root@iwcdev:/usr/bin# torswitch
Tor Enabled
root@iwcdev:/usr/bin# su iwcdev
iwcdev@iwcdev:/usr/bin$ torswitch

(process:3922): dconf-CRITICAL **: 21:21:41.163: unable to create file '/home/iw
cdev/.cache/dconf/user': Permission denied.  dconf will not work properly.

(process:3922): dconf-CRITICAL **: 21:21:41.163: unable to create file '/home/iw
cdev/.cache/dconf/user': Permission denied.  dconf will not work properly.

(process:3925): dconf-CRITICAL **: 21:21:41.166: unable to create file '/home/iw
cdev/.cache/dconf/user': Permission denied.  dconf will not work properly.

(process:3925): dconf-CRITICAL **: 21:21:41.166: unable to create file '/home/iw
cdev/.cache/dconf/user': Permission denied.  dconf will not work properly.

(process:3925): dconf-CRITICAL **: 21:21:44.177: unable to create file '/home/iw
cdev/.cache/dconf/user': Permission denied.  dconf will not work properly.

(process:3925): dconf-WARNING **: 21:21:44.177: failed to commit changes to dcon
f: Could not connect: Connection refused
Tor Enabled
iwcdev@iwcdev:/usr/bin$
```

Giving Users Permission to start the Tor Service without Sudo Password

If you want to allow a user to be able to use the Tor Script without the Sudo Password that normal wouldn't have permissions to run Root level commands perform the steps below. In this part of the walk-through we are going to use visudo to edit the sudoer file. The sudoer file is very sensitive to improper syntax, so you don't want to edit it on your own just in case you make a mistake. Use visudo because it will validate the syntax before saving. Failure to use proper syntax in the sudoer file can render your system useless because it can make it impossible to gain elevated privileges after you make a mistake.

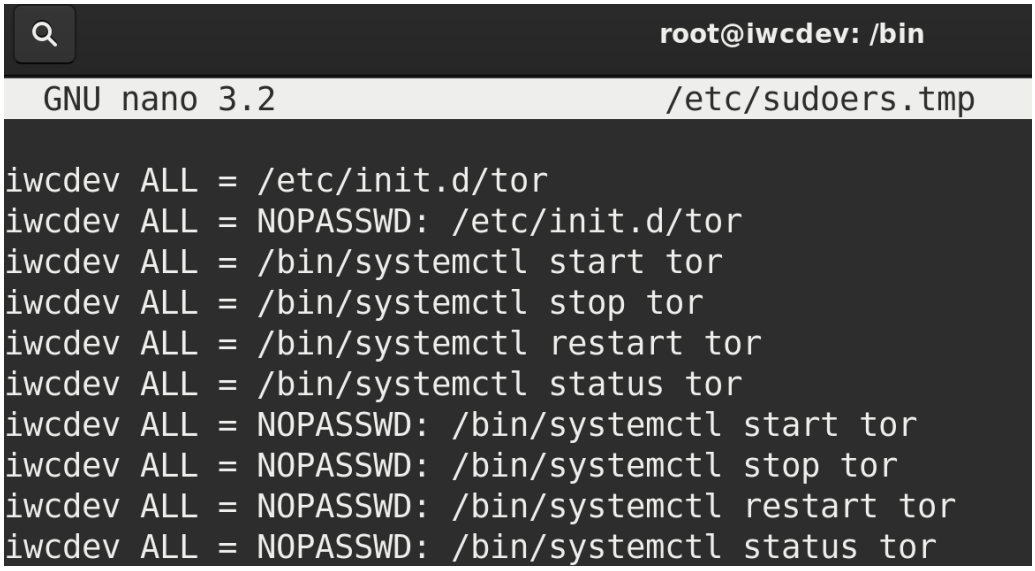
1. **Run** the following command to open the temporary sudoer file using visudo:

   visudo

```
root@iwcdev:/etc/sudoers.d# visudo
```

2. Enter the following information to allow IWC dev to start, stop, and check the status of the Tor Service, and to start the service without needing a password:

username ALL = /etc/init.d/tor
username ALL = NOPASSWD: /etc/init.d/tor
username ALL = /bin/systemctl start tor
username ALL = /bin/systemctl stop tor
username ALL = /bin/systemctl restart tor
username ALL = /bin/systemctl status tor
username ALL = NOPASSWD: /bin/systemctl start tor
username ALL = NOPASSWD: /bin/systemctl stop tor
username ALL = NOPASSWD: /bin/systemctl restart tor
username ALL = NOPASSWD: /bin/systemctl status tor


root@iwcdev: /bin
GNU nano 3.2 /etc/sudoers.tmp
iwcdev ALL = /etc/init.d/tor
iwcdev ALL = NOPASSWD: /etc/init.d/tor
iwcdev ALL = /bin/systemctl start tor
iwcdev ALL = /bin/systemctl stop tor
iwcdev ALL = /bin/systemctl restart tor
iwcdev ALL = /bin/systemctl status tor
iwcdev ALL = NOPASSWD: /bin/systemctl start tor
iwcdev ALL = NOPASSWD: /bin/systemctl stop tor
iwcdev ALL = NOPASSWD: /bin/systemctl restart tor
iwcdev ALL = NOPASSWD: /bin/systemctl status tor

3. Enter the following information to allow IWC dev to start, stop, and check the status of the Privoxy Service, and to start the service without needing a password:

username ALL = /etc/init.d/privoxy
username ALL = NOPASSWD: /etc/init.d/privoxy
username ALL = /bin/systemctl start privoxy
username ALL = /bin/systemctl stop privoxy
username ALL = /bin/systemctl restart privoxy
username ALL = /bin/systemctl status privoxy
username ALL = NOPASSWD: /bin/systemctl start privoxy
username ALL = NOPASSWD: /bin/systemctl stop privoxy
username ALL = NOPASSWD: /bin/systemctl restart privoxy
username ALL = NOPASSWD: /bin/systemctl status privoxy

```
iwcdev ALL = /etc/init.d/privoxy
iwcdev ALL = NOPASSWD: /etc/init.d/privoxy
iwcdev ALL = /bin/systemctl start privoxy
iwcdev ALL = /bin/systemctl stop privoxy
iwcdev ALL = /bin/systemctl restart privoxy
iwcdev ALL = /bin/systemctl status privoxy
iwcdev ALL = NOPASSWD: /bin/systemctl start privoxy
iwcdev ALL = NOPASSWD: /bin/systemctl stop privoxy
iwcdev ALL = NOPASSWD: /bin/systemctl restart privoxy
iwcdev ALL = NOPASSWD: /bin/systemctl status privoxy
```

Note: Ensure you replace username with the actual username you're setting these permissions for. If you need to put multiple users just keep adding the lines and replacing the username.

4. **Run** the following commands to save, and exit the file:

   press "ctrl and X"
   press "Y"

   NOTE: Do not change the file name**.**

   press "Return"

Install Tor Web Browser

The Tor Web Browser routes traffic through the Tor network and encrypts the network traffic protecting it from surveillance and analysis similar.

1. **Run** the following command to **install** the **Tor Browser**:

   sudo apt-get install torbrowser-launcher

2. **Press Y** to continue and hit return.

```
iwcdev@iwcdev:~$ sudo apt-get install torbrowser-launcher
```

   Note: If you did not go through the steps of installing the Tor Proxy, you need to go back to the beginning section and install the Tor Proxy.

3. **Run** the following command from the Terminal to **launch Tor**:

   torbrowser-launcher
   Note: you can't run this command as a Root user. If you are still the root user run the following command, and then go back to step 3.

4. **Run** the following command and replace iwcdev with your regular user account if you're currently using a root account:

su iwcdev

Repeat step 3 and then skip to step 5.

```
root@iwcdev:/usr/bin# su iwcdev
iwcdev@iwcdev:/usr/bin$ torbrowser-launcher
Tor Browser Launcher
By Micah Lee, licensed under MIT
version 0.3.1
```

Connect to Tor
Tor Browser
Click “Connect” to connect to Tor.
Click “Configure” to adjust network settings if you are in a country that censors Tor (such as Egypt, China, Turkey) or if you are connecting from a private network that requires a proxy.
Connect
Configure
For assistance, visit support.torproject.org/#connectingtotor
Quit

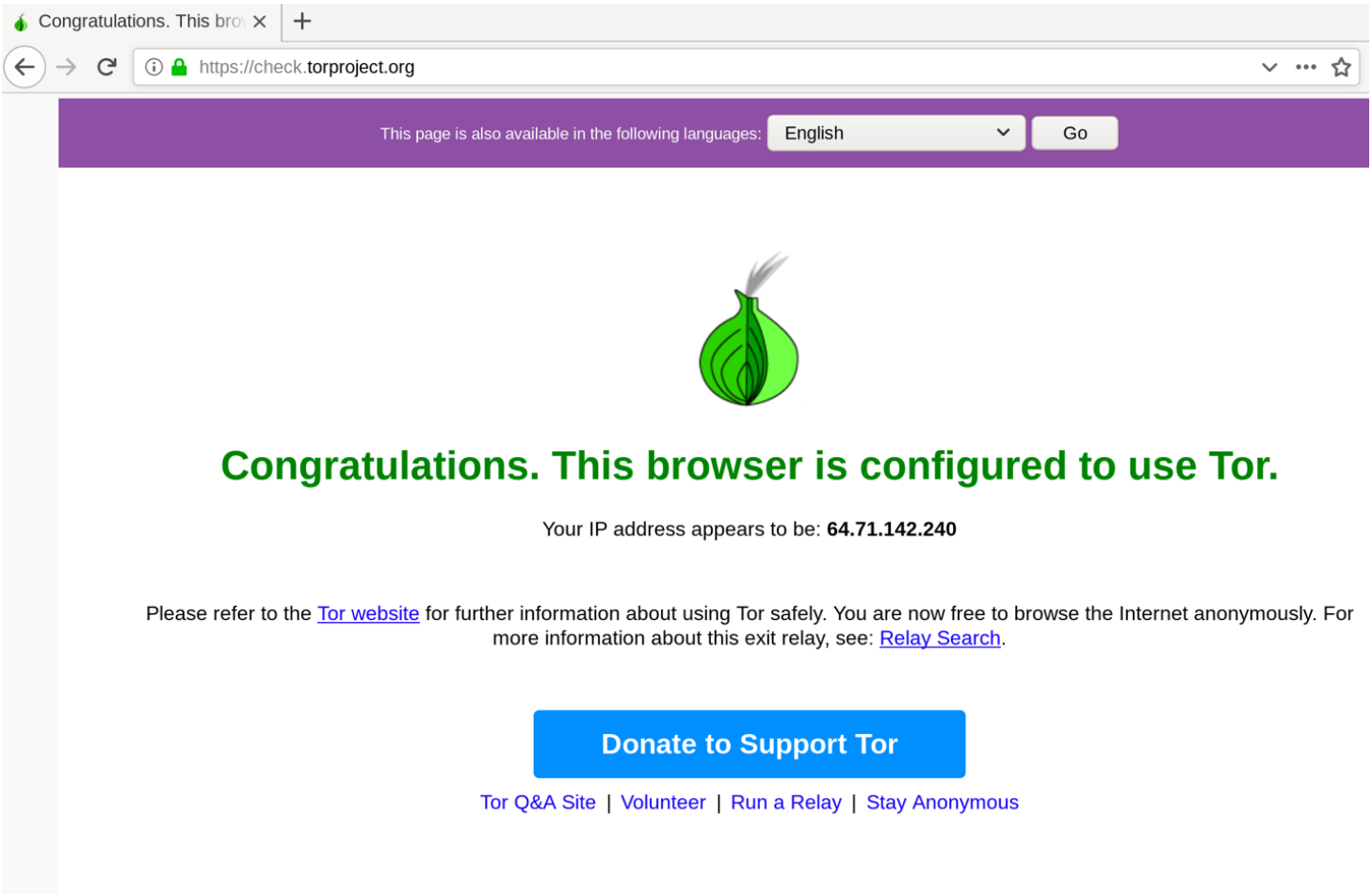
Note: You will see a download box, then a screen should pop up saying connect to Tor up top.

5. **Click Connect**.

6. **Go-to** the following URL to check and see if your browser is correctly using tor:

   check.torproject.org

   Note: The Tor Browser should work even if you have not run the “torswitch” script. Please note that the browser only uses Tor through the browser, so for any other communications you need to use the “torswitch” script to enable the global Tor proxy.


Congratulations. This bro
https://check.torproject.org
This page is also available in the following languages:
English
Go
Congratulations. This browser is configured to use Tor.
Your IP address appears to be: 64.71.142.240
Please refer to the Tor website for further information about using Tor safely. You are now free to browse the Internet anonymously. For more information about this exit relay, see: Relay Search.
Donate to Support Tor
Tor Q&A Site | Volunteer | Run a Relay | Stay Anonymous

This concludes our walk-through for setting up Tor. We learned how to install and configure Tor, Privoxy, and Tor Browser. Remember that using Tor is only as good at covering your tracks as you allow it to be. If you log into websites, applications, or services that you normally would use in everyday life, you can easily be identified even though your transmissions are encrypted and relayed through the Tor network.

The writer and publisher of this article do not condone the misuse of Tor for illegal activity. This is purely instructional for the purposes of anonymous surfing on the internet for legal usage and for testing Tor traffic monitoring in a subsequent article.

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OSINT Reconnaissance

An overview of OSINT with Recon-ng walkthrough

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Abstract

"The collection of foreign intelligence is accomplished in a variety of ways, not all of them either mysterious or secret. This is particularly true of overt intelligence, which is information derived from newspapers, books, learned and technical publications, official reports of government proceedings, radio and television. Even a novel or play may contain useful information about the state of a nation" [1]

The means of true intelligence in today's era varies between secrets and open information. In the abundance of open information, many people misjudge the hidden information behind walls as more classified and show less interest in openly available information. However, the reality of intelligence relies upon the patterns and translations made by the individual analysts. It's worth noted that, all powers during World War II and the Cold War exploited OSINT to save time and money. With the revolution in IT, one can gather more open intelligence with greater ease and at less cost than ever before.

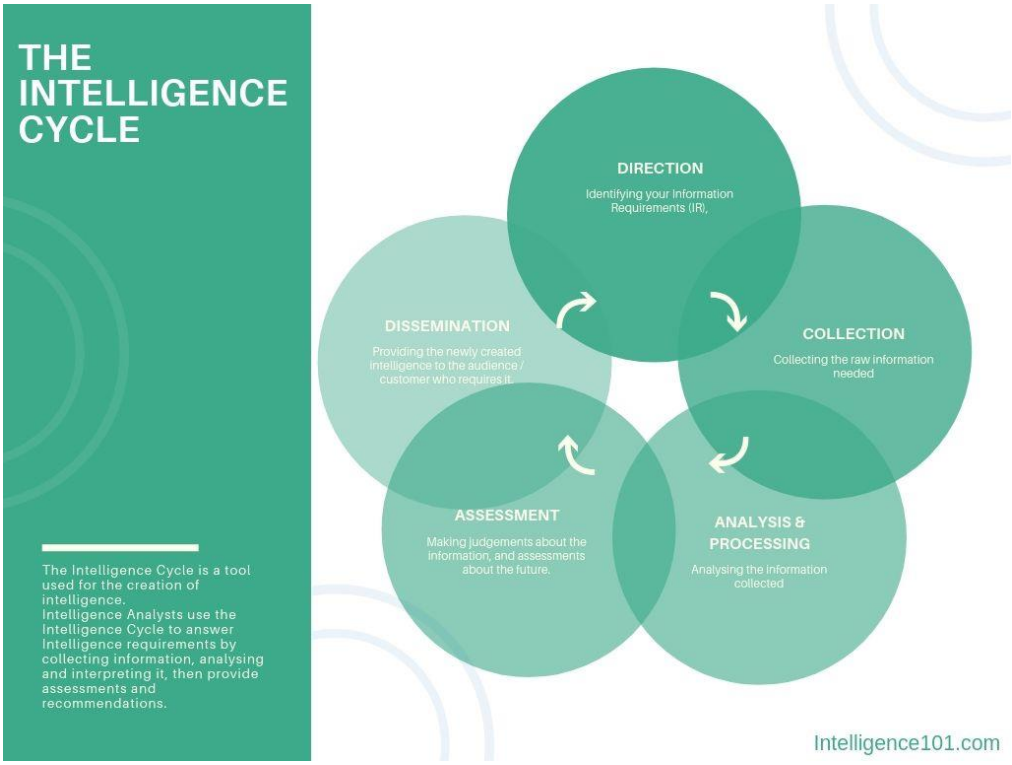
OSINT: The Art of Intelligence

In the era of Information Age, Internet is unleashing a plethora of possibilities to gather large chunks of information bundles in seconds time or less. While some information is available freely or within the public domain, some requires a handful of knowledge and a bit of skillset. We understand that Information is everywhere being it - daily news, online blogs or social network profiles and conversations. The art of intelligence lies in collecting this privileged/protected information to analyze and conclude for a profitable concern.

"Intelligence is the product resulting from the collection, collation, evaluation, analysis, integration, and interpretation of collected information" [2]

The resulting raw intelligence gathering to the production of finished intelligence is an erroneous and time-consuming process. The United States Intelligence Community uses a five-step process similar to as depicted below. [2]

There are several intelligence disciplines used across the globe to acquire information. These disciplines include human intelligence (HUMINT), signals intelligence (SIGINT), imagery intelligence (IMINT), measurement and signatures intelligence (MASINT), and open source intelligence (OSINT).

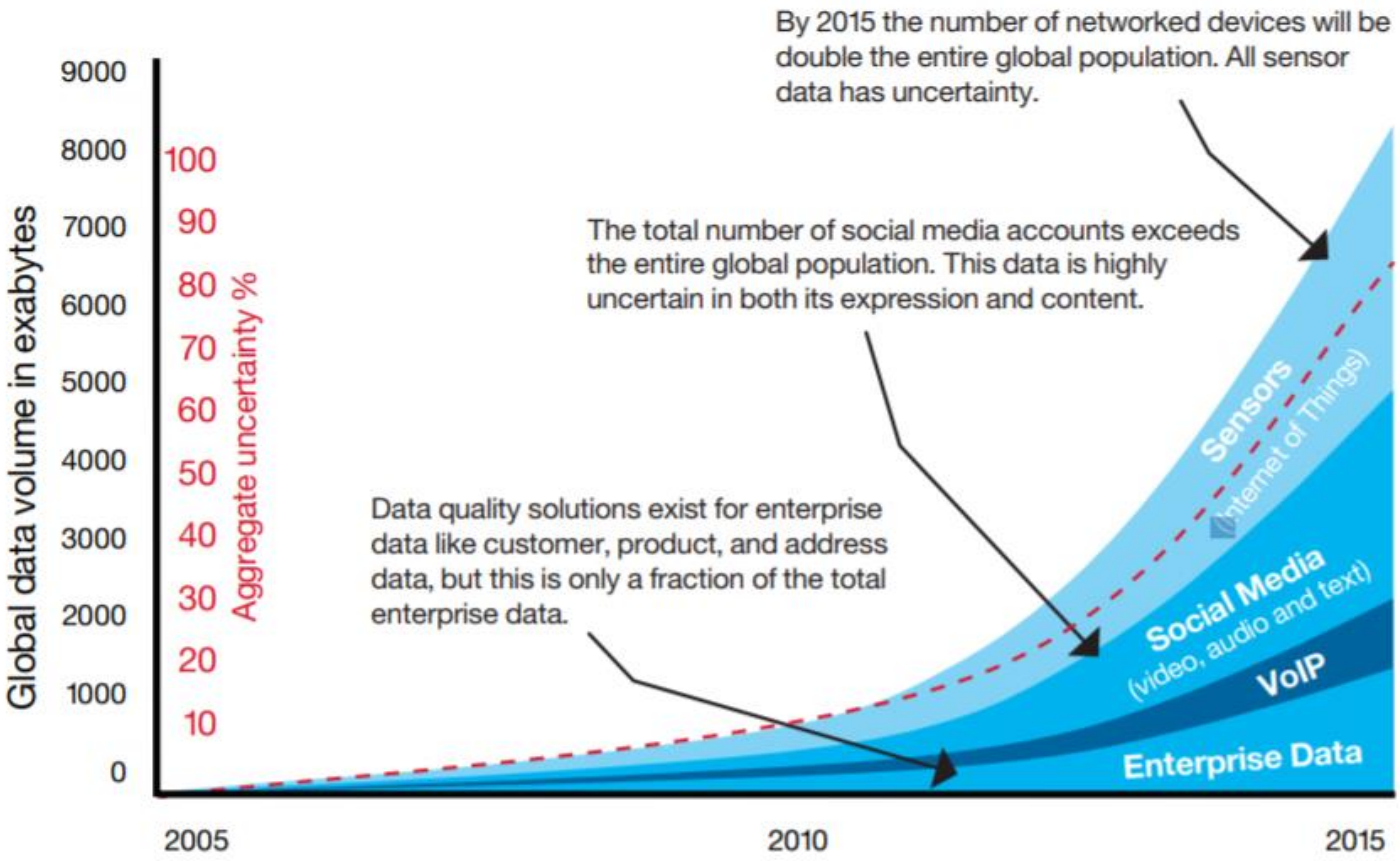

THE INTELLIGENCE CYCLE
The Intelligence Cycle is a tool used for the creation of intelligence.
Intelligence Analysts use the Intelligence Cycle to answer Intelligence requirements by collecting information, analysing and interpreting it, then provide assessments and recommendations.
DIRECTION
Identifying your Information Requirements (IR),
COLLECTION
Collecting the raw information needed
ANALYSIS & PROCESSING
Analysing the information collected
ASSESSMENT
Making judgements about the information, and assessments about the future.
DISSEMINATION
Providing the newly created intelligence to the audience / customer who requires it
Intelligence101.com

"Open-source intelligence (OSINT) is intelligence that is produced from publicly available information and is collected, exploited, and disseminated in a timely manner to an appropriate audience for the purpose of addressing a specific intelligence requirement".[4]

OSINT is the process of gathering data from the full range of information publicly available on Internet to conclude intelligence. The enormous scope of intelligence available requires more sophisticated storage and analysis in order to shape actionable products.

OSINT: The Need of the Hour

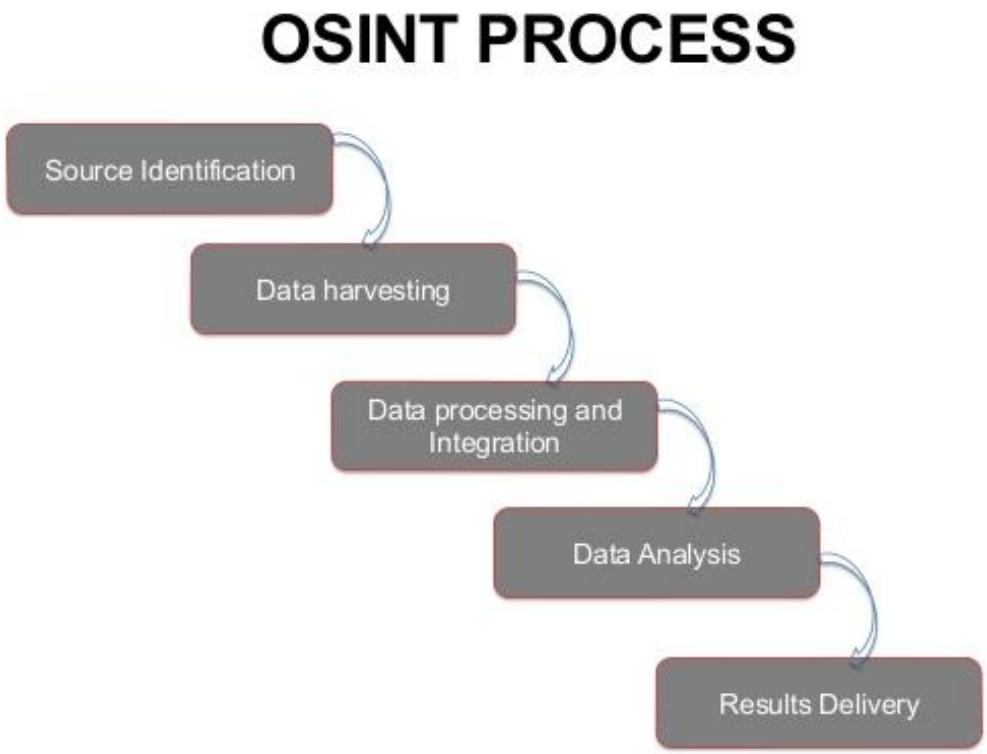
According to IBM, the world is generating over 2.5 quintillion bytes which means 2.5 billion of billion bytes data every day. Ninety percent of the world's data has been generated in recent cap of 5 years. It's obvious to notice that the proliferation of human and machine data sources will increase rapidly.[5]



Creation of actionable intelligence on data at such an exponential growth require OSINT techniques for "information-to-intelligence" transformation.

OSINT: Process

OSINT has a special place during the reconnaissance phase of professional penetration testing. Most of the Red Teams across the globe, performs the job after studying about their target doing reconnaissance. It's a critical first step to gather information about the target within the scope of engagement to determine potential vulnerabilities to make them exploitable. A defined process is followed which help in overcoming the risk of getting lost in plethora of information present. OSINT reconnaissance can be divided into 5 phases.



1. *Source Identification*: It's the initial phase where the hacker/pentester identifies potential sources of information gathering. It includes a detailed documentation. The sources can include Internet, newspapers, magazines, commercial databases, etc.
2. *Data Harvesting*: In this phase, different tools and techniques are utilized to gather data.
3. *Data Processing and Integration*: This is an important phase in OSINT. The data gathered can be a large chunk of information. For ease of processing, the data is distributed in small chunks. To reduce the level of uncertainty in data, it's good to remove the outdated/irrelevant data before proceeding for further analysis.
4. *Data Analysis*: In this phase, the data is analyzed to find correlations and patterns. This helps in defining the final big picture of OSINT activity.
5. *Results Delivery*: This is the final phase of OSINT recon. It usually comprises of reporting based on the results of analysis phase. Reporting can be of different kinds depending upon the requirement. Usually, a clear tabular format is preferred with labelled fields to increase readability and reduce complexity.

OSINT has a large dependence on these phases, to be followed in a timed and planned manner with the right tool/technique in hand.

Walkthrough: Recon-ng

Recon-ng is one of the popular opensource reconnaissance tools loaded with several modules for performing web-based information gathering. It is written in Python and maintained and managed by Tim Tomes (LaNMaSteR53).[7]

Recon-ng - Prerequisites and Installation

Recon-ng is a Linux based command line tool and it does not support Windows environment. The latest version of Recon-ng is v5.0.3 which requires Python 3.6 or above to work.

In latest version of Kali Linux (kali-linux-2019.3-amd64), it comes pre-installed with version 5.0.0.

```
4hathacker@kali:~$ uname -a
Linux kali 5.2.0-kali2-amd64 #1 SMP Debian 5.2.9-2kali1 (2019-08-22) x86_64 GNU/Linux
4hathacker@kali:~$ python --version
Python 2.7.16+
4hathacker@kali:~$ python3 --version
Python 3.7.5rc1
4hathacker@kali:~$ reco
recon-cli        recon-ng         recon-web        recordmydesktop
4hathacker@kali:~$ recon-ng --version
5.0.0
```

We can also install Recon-ng from source in a python virtual environment in any Linux distribution. Let us see how to create an isolated virtual environment for Recon-ng using Python3. As we have created a recon-work directory as above, will proceed from there.

Note: Make sure that git and pip3 are already installed.

1. Install the module "*virtualenv*" using pip3 in python.
    - **python3 -m pip install --user virtualenv**
2. Create the environment with a name using the command
    - **python3 -m venv <env_name>**
3. Go to the directory with defined name and activate the environment using the command
    - **cd <env_name>**
    - **source bin/activate**

```
4hathacker@kali:~/recon-work$ python3 -m pip install --user virtualenv
Requirement already satisfied: virtualenv in /home/4hathacker/.local/lib/python3.7/site-packages (16.7.6)
4hathacker@kali:~/recon-work$ python3 -m venv rw-env
4hathacker@kali:~/recon-work$ ls
help  rw-env
4hathacker@kali:~/recon-work$ cd rw-env
```

4. The environment name will now appear at the command line.

```
4hathacker@kali:~/recon-work/rw-env$ source bin/activate.
activate.csh   activate.fish
4hathacker@kali:~/recon-work/rw-env$ source bin/activate
(rw-env) 4hathacker@kali:~/recon-work/rw-env$
```

5. Clone the git repo
    - **git clone github.com/lanmaster53/recon-ng.git**
6. Change from current directory to recon-ng directory:
    - **cd recon-ng**
7. Install dependencies:
    - **pip install -r REQUIREMENTS**

```
(rw-env) 4hathacker@kali:~/recon-work/rw-env/recon-ng$ pip install -r REQUIREMENTS
Collecting pyyaml (from -r REQUIREMENTS (line 2))
  Downloading https://files.pythonhosted.org/packages/e3/e8/b3212641ee2718d556df0f23f78de8303f068fe29cdaa7a91018849582fe/PyYAML-5.1.2.tar.gz (2
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Collecting lxml (from -r REQUIREMENTS (line 4))
  Downloading https://files.pythonhosted.org/packages/e7/a8/40115c84414c017e1a293f331709eb7534303d3ccd11ef805ac09b1481e7/lxml-4.4.1-cp37-cp37m-
manylinux1_x86_64.whl (5.7MB)
    100% |████████████████████████████████| 5.8MB 131kB/s
Collecting mechanize (from -r REQUIREMENTS (line 5))
```

8. Launch Recon-ng:
    - **./recon-ng**

```
(rw-env) 4hathacker@kali:~/recon-work/rw-env/recon-ng$ ./recon-ng
Installing from Source
Sponsored by...
www.blackhillsinfosec.com
www.practisec.com
[recon-ng v5.0.3, Tim Tomes (@lanmaster53)]
[*] No modules enabled/installed.
[recon-ng][default] >
```

Please visit here for any more information.

To start the recon-activity with Recon-ng, we need to understand some basics of how its shell works.

1. Just type “help” and you will get several commands to interact with the Recon-ng’s shell.

```
[recon-ng][default] > help

Commands (type [help|?] <topic>):
---------------------------------
back            Exits the current context
dashboard       Displays a summary of activity
db              Interfaces with the workspace's database
exit            Exits the framework
help            Displays this menu
index           Creates a module index (dev only)
keys            Manages third party resource credentials
marketplace     Interfaces with the module marketplace
modules         Interfaces with installed modules
options         Manages the current context options
pdb             Starts a Python Debugger session (dev only)
script          Records and executes command scripts
shell           Executes shell commands
show            Shows various framework items
snapshots       Manages workspace snapshots
spool           Spools output to a file
workspaces      Manages workspaces
```

2. Try out some commands to see if it goes well. With every command, there appears a description and usage. You can see below for reference. There is “options list” command to get the details for nameserver, proxy, threads, etc.

```
[recon-ng][default] > options list

  Name        Current Value  Required  Description
  ----------  -------------  --------  -----------
  NAMESERVER  8.8.8.8        yes       default nameserver for the resolver mixin
  PROXY                      no        proxy server (address:port)
  THREADS     10             yes       number of threads (where applicable)
  TIMEOUT     10             yes       socket timeout (seconds)
  USER-AGENT  Recon-ng/v5    yes       user-agent string
  VERBOSITY   1              yes       verbosity level (0 = minimal, 1 = verbose, 2 = debug)
```

3. Workspaces helps us to maintain similar configurations for several recon activities. Let’s create a workspace for our work using the command as below. The name of the workspace is “first-recon-project”.

```
[recon-ng][default] > workspaces
Manages workspaces

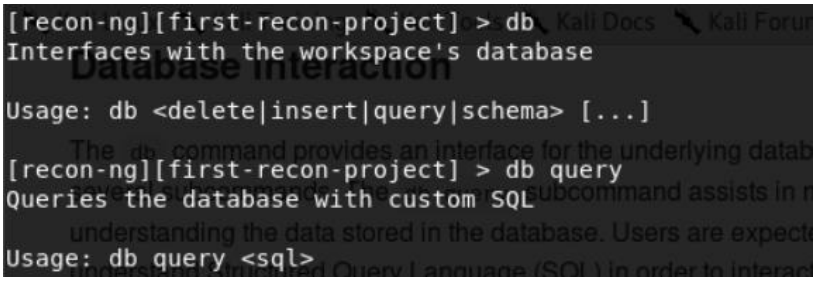
Usage: workspaces <create|list|load|remove> [...]

[recon-ng][default] > workspaces list

  +---------------------------------+
  | Workspaces |       Modified     |
  +---------------------------------+
  | default    | 2019-10-21 12:21:32 |
  +---------------------------------+

[recon-ng][default] > workspaces create first-recon-project
```

4. One more important thing to keep in mind is “db” command. This is the most powerful thing in Recon-ng as it helps in maintaining the database for all the input seeds from where the information is harvested.



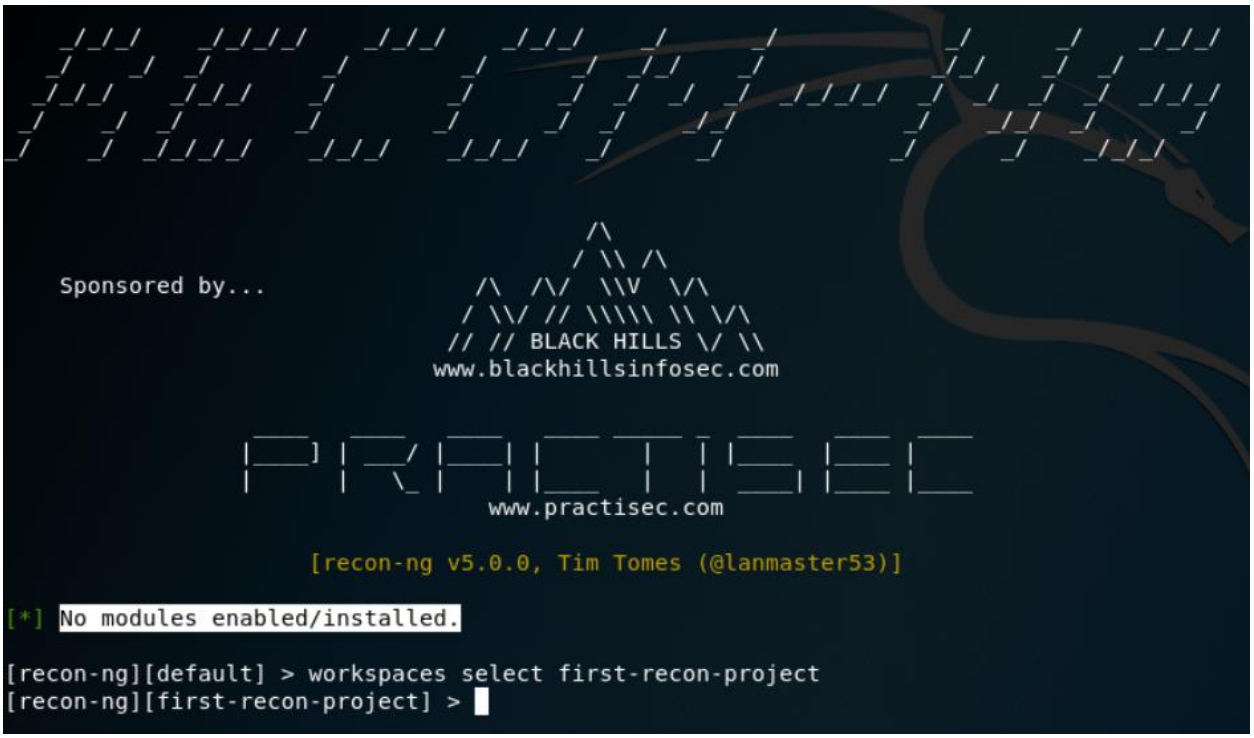
Now, we will start with our little quest of use cases to achieve different aspects of reconnaissance with the help of Recon-ng.

Use Case 1:

Gathering Information from an organization’s domain like hosts or subdomains, IP lists, etc.

Scenario: We will see how to gather information around a random domain target say “berkeley.edu”.

1. Open recon-ng and select workspace as “first-recon-project”.
    - **workspaces select first-recon-project**



2. Use “db insert” subcommand to seed the input for “domains” as, “berkeley.edu”

    - **db insert domains berkeley.edu**
    - **show domains**

```
[recon-ng][first-recon-project] > show domains

  +-------------------------------------+
  | rowid |    domain    |    module    |
  +-------------------------------------+
  | 1     | berkeley.edu | user_defined |
  +-------------------------------------+
```

3. Now, we need to search for module for web reconnaissance in marketplace.
   - **marketplace search web**

```
[recon-ng][first-recon-project] > marketplace search web
[*] Searching module index for 'web'...

  +-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------+
  |                  Path                  | Version |     Status    |  Updated   | D | K |
  +-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------+
  | exploitation/injection/command_injector | 1.0     | not installed | 2019-06-24 |   |   |
  | recon/domains-hosts/bing_domain_web     | 1.1     | not installed | 2019-07-04 |   |   |
  | recon/domains-hosts/google_site_web     | 1.0     | not installed | 2019-06-24 |   |   |
  | recon/profiles-profiles/namechk         | 1.0     | not installed | 2019-06-24 |   | * |
  | recon/profiles-profiles/profiler        | 1.0     | not installed | 2019-06-24 |   |   |
  +-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------+

  D = Has dependencies. See info for details.
  K = Requires keys. See info for details.
```

4. We can see two modules for recon activities. Let's install bing_domain module and load it.

   - **marketplace install recon/domains-hosts/bing_domain_web**
   - **modules load recon/domains-hosts/bing_domain_web**
   - **info**

```
[recon-ng][first-recon-project] > modules load recon/domains-hosts/bing_domain_web
[recon-ng][first-recon-project][bing_domain_web] > info

      Name: Bing Hostname Enumerator
    Author: Tim Tomes (@lanmaster53)
   Version: 1.1

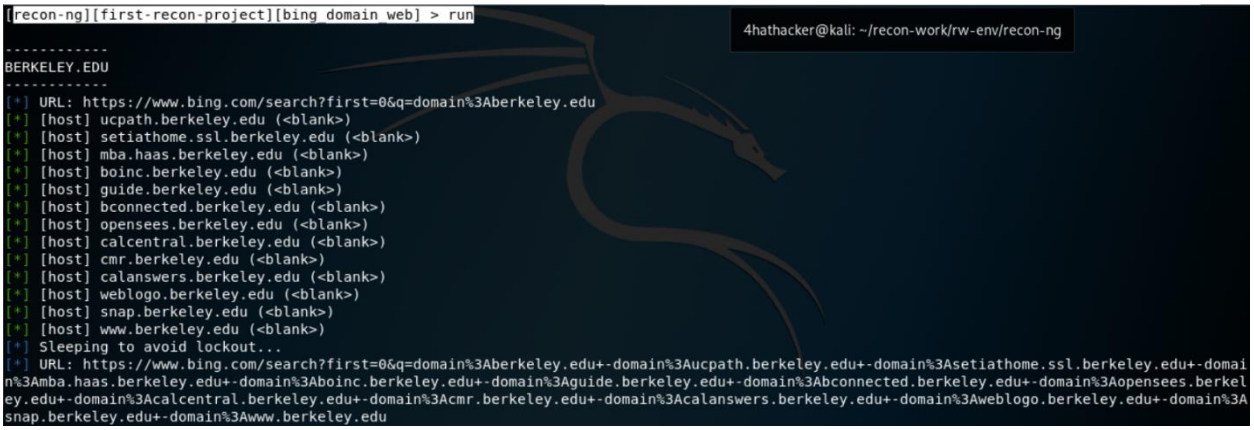
Description:
  Harvests hosts from Bing.com by using the 'site' search operator. Updates the 'hosts' table with the
  results.

Options:
  Name    Current Value  Required  Description
  ------  -------------  --------  -----------
  SOURCE  default        yes       source of input (see 'show info' for details)

Source Options:
  default        SELECT DISTINCT domain FROM domains WHERE domain IS NOT NULL
  <string>       string representing a single input
  <path>         path to a file containing a list of inputs
  query <sql>    database query returning one column of inputs
```

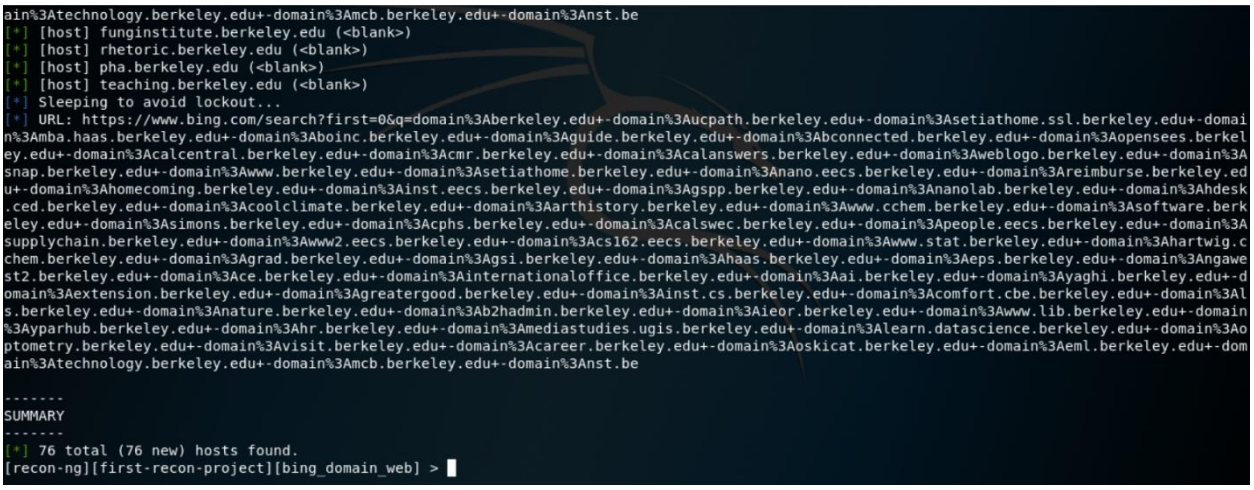
5. Post that type "run" and hit enter.

   - **run**

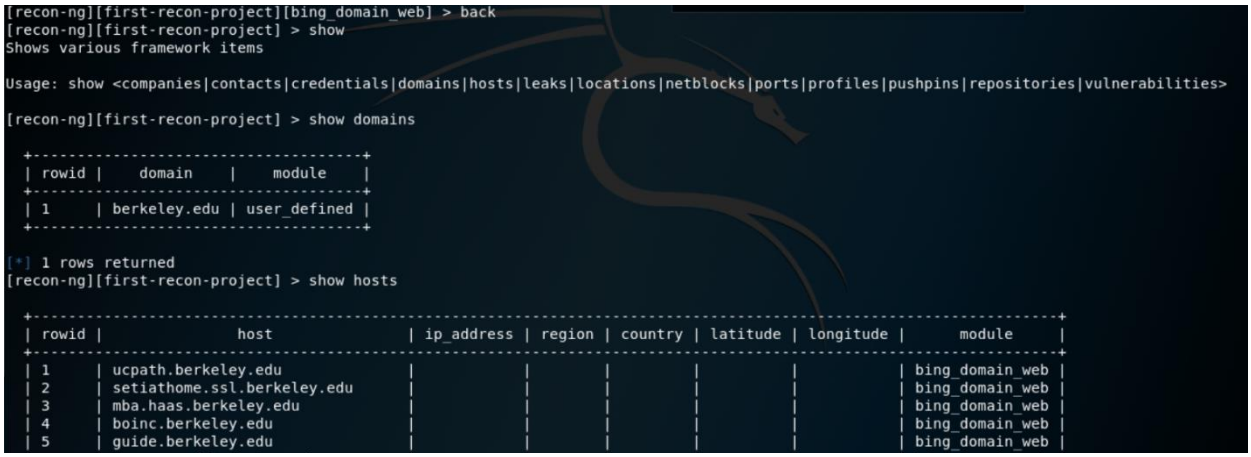


6. You can observe that recon-ng will lock itself for an interval to avoid lockout. See the results gathered and check out the hosts.

   - **back**



   - **show domains**
   - **show hosts**



7. Post that, we will see how to gather IPs for the sub-domains.

   - **marketplace search resolve**

```
[recon-ng][first-recon-project] > marketplace search resolve
[*] Searching module index for 'resolve'...

  +-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------+
  |                  Path                  | Version |     Status    |  Updated   | D | K |
  +-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------+
  | recon/hosts-hosts/resolve              | 1.0     | not installed | 2019-06-24 |   |   |
  | recon/hosts-hosts/reverse_resolve      | 1.0     | not installed | 2019-06-24 |   |   |
  | recon/netblocks-hosts/reverse_resolve | 1.0     | not installed | 2019-06-24 |   |   |
  +-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------+

  D = Has dependencies. See info for details.
  K = Requires keys. See info for details.
```

   - **marketplace install recon/hosts-hosts/resolve**
   - **marketplace load recon/hosts-hosts/resolve**
   - **info**

```
[recon-ng][first-recon-project] > marketplace install recon/hosts-hosts/resolve
[*] Module installed: recon/hosts-hosts/resolve
[*] Reloading modules...
[recon-ng][first-recon-project] > marketplace load recon/hosts-hosts/resolve
Interfaces with the module marketplace

Usage: marketplace <info|install|refresh|remove|search> [...]

[recon-ng][first-recon-project] > modules load recon/hosts-hosts/resolve
[recon-ng][first-recon-project][resolve] > info

      Name: Hostname Resolver
    Author: Tim Tomes (@lanmaster53)
   Version: 1.0

Description:
  Resolves the IP address for a host. Updates the 'hosts' table with the results.

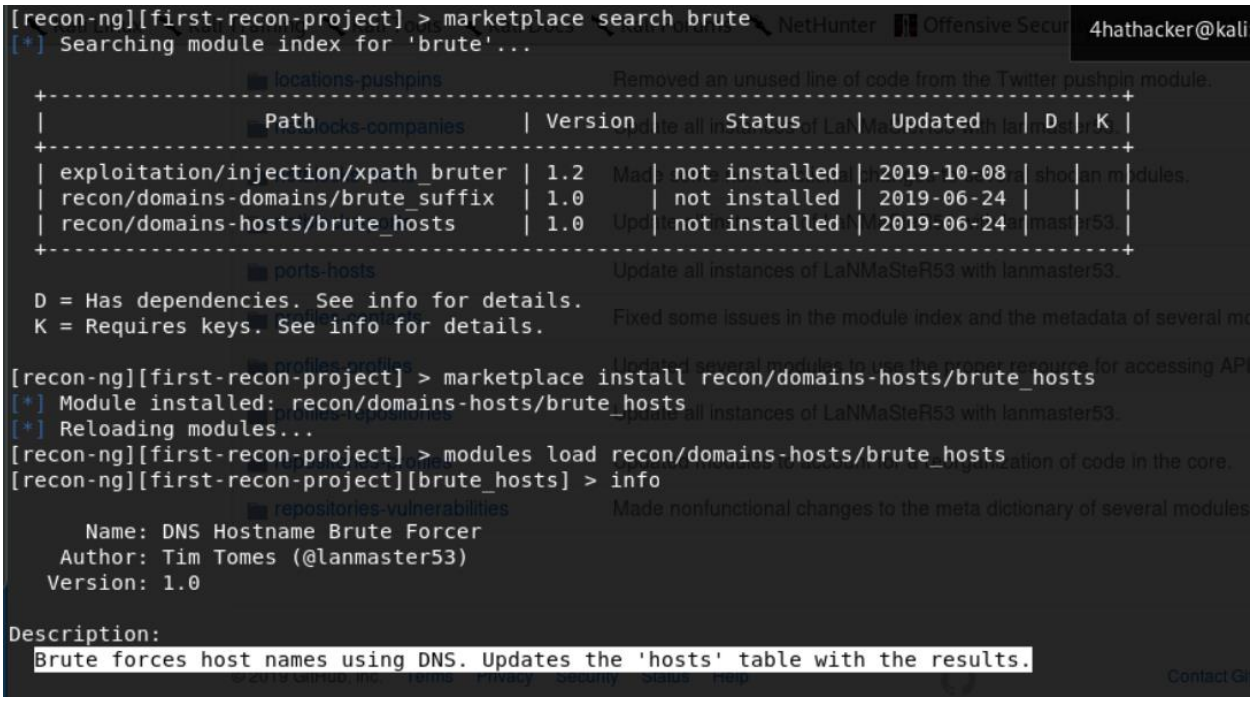
Options:
  Name    Current Value  Required  Description
  ------  -------------  --------  -----------
  SOURCE  default        yes       source of input (see 'show info' for details)
```

   - **run**

```
[recon-ng][first-recon-project][resolve] > run
[*] ucpath.berkeley.edu => 23.185.0.2
[*] setiathome.ssl.berkeley.edu => 208.68.240.110
[*] mba.haas.berkeley.edu => 104.17.127.180
[*] mba.haas.berkeley.edu => 104.17.129.180
[*] mba.haas.berkeley.edu => 104.17.130.180
[*] mba.haas.berkeley.edu => 104.17.131.180
[*] mba.haas.berkeley.edu => 104.17.128.180
[*] boinc.berkeley.edu => 208.68.240.115
[*] guide.berkeley.edu => 12.2.169.180
[*] bconnected.berkeley.edu => 23.185.0.3
[*] opensees.berkeley.edu => 128.32.143.24
[*] calcentral.berkeley.edu => 169.229.216.165
[*] cmr.berkeley.edu => 136.152.225.136
[*] calanswers.berkeley.edu => 23.185.0.3
```

8. Using another module for brute-forcing hostnames via “brute-hosts” module and a further “resolve”, helped in capturing around 572 host names with their IPs.

    - **marketplace search brute**
    - **marketplace install recon/domains-hosts/brute_hosts**
    - **modules load recon/domains-hosts/brute_hosts**
    - **info**


[recon-ng][first-recon-project] > marketplace search brute
[*] Searching module index for 'brute'...
Path	Version	Status	Updated	D	K
exploitation/injection/xpath_bruter	1.2	not installed	2019-10-08		
recon/domains-domains/brute_suffix	1.0	not installed	2019-06-24		
recon/domains-hosts/brute_hosts	1.0	not installed	2019-06-24		
D = Has dependencies. See info for details.
K = Requires keys. See info for details.
[recon-ng][first-recon-project] > marketplace install recon/domains-hosts/brute_hosts
[*] Module installed: recon/domains-hosts/brute_hosts
[*] Reloading modules...
[recon-ng][first-recon-project] > modules load recon/domains-hosts/brute_hosts
[recon-ng][first-recon-project][brute_hosts] > info
Name: DNS Hostname Brute Forcer
Author: Tim Tomes (@lanmaster53)
Version: 1.0
Description:
Brute forces host names using DNS. Updates the 'hosts' table with the results.

    - **run**
    - **back**
    - **modules load recon/hosts-hosts/resolve**
    - **run**

    Note: With “resolve” module, we can get the IPs however, “brute” might result in hostnames without IPs. So, a “resolve” again might work in that case.

Reporting:

There are several different formats with which we can generate intelligence reports. E.g. json, csv, xml, html, etc. I would prefer html and csv due to more readability.

1. Search marketplace for “reporting”. Install the module for “html” as below.

```
[recon-ng][first-recon-project] > marketplace search reporting
[*] Searching module index for 'reporting'...

  +-------------------------------------------------------------------------+
  |          Path          | Version |     Status    |  Updated   | D | K |
  +-------------------------------------------------------------------------+
  | reporting/csv          | 1.0     | not installed | 2019-06-24 |   |   |
  | reporting/html         | 1.0     | installed     | 2019-06-24 |   |   |
  | reporting/json         | 1.0     | not installed | 2019-06-24 |   |   |
  | reporting/list         | 1.0     | not installed | 2019-06-24 |   |   |
  | reporting/proxifier    | 1.0     | not installed | 2019-06-24 |   |   |
  | reporting/pushpin      | 1.0     | not installed | 2019-06-24 |   | * |
  | reporting/xlsx         | 1.0     | not installed | 2019-06-24 |   |   |
  | reporting/xml          | 1.1     | not installed | 2019-06-24 |   |   |
  +-------------------------------------------------------------------------+

  D = Has dependencies. See info for details.
  K = Requires keys. See info for details.

[recon-ng][first-recon-project] > marketplace install reporting/html
[*] Module installed: reporting/html
[*] Reloading modules...
[recon-ng][first-recon-project] > modules load reporting/html
[recon-ng][first-recon-project][html] > info

      Name: HTML Report Generator
    Author: Tim Tomes (@lanmaster53)
   Version: 1.0
```

2. Note that, a mandatory “CUSTOMER” option is there. Update it along with “CREATOR” field using “options set” as provided.

3. As we “run” the module, a report will be saved in the requisite format.

```
[recon-ng][first-recon-project] > modules load reporting/html
[recon-ng][first-recon-project][html] > info

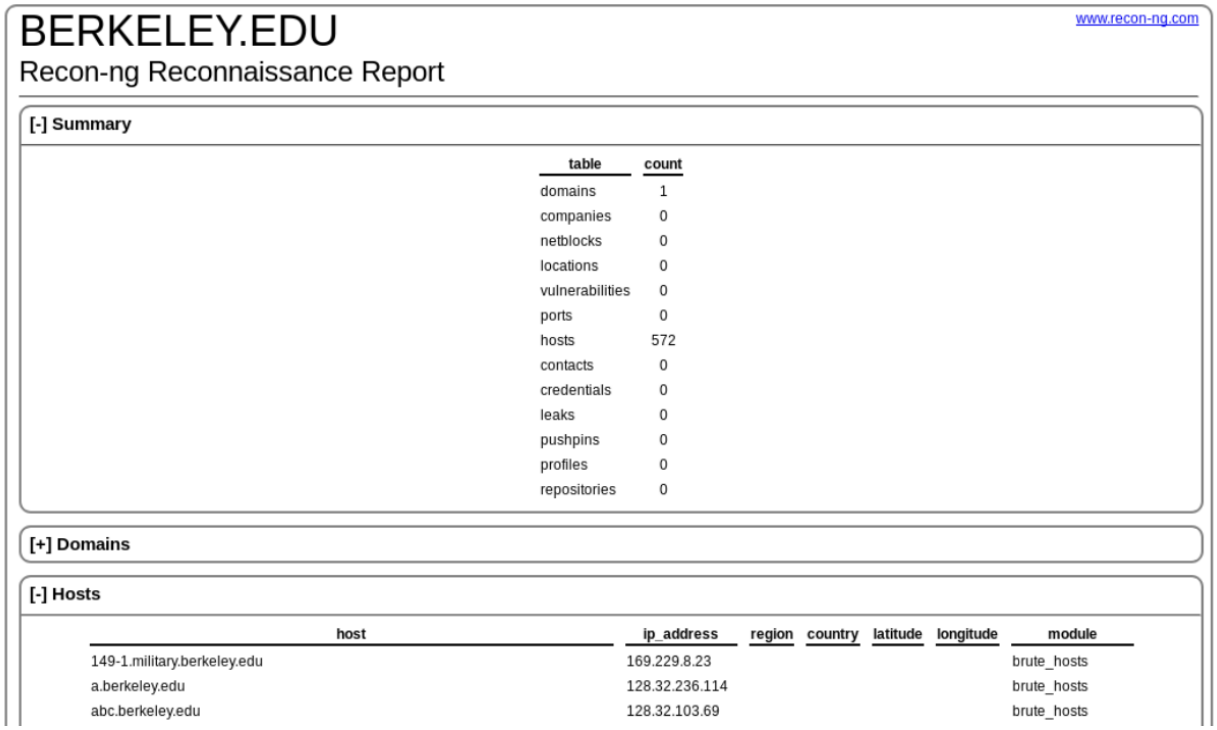
      Name: HTML Report Generator
    Author: Tim Tomes (@lanmaster53)
   Version: 1.0

Description:
  Creates an HTML report.

Options:
  Name      Current Value                                                  Required  Description
  --------  -------------                                                  --------  -----------
  CREATOR                                                                  yes       use creator name in the report footer
  CUSTOMER                                                                 yes       use customer name in the report header
  FILENAME  /home/4hathacker/.recon-ng/workspaces/first-recon-project/results.html  yes       path and filename for report output
  SANITIZE  True                                                           yes       mask sensitive data in the report

[recon-ng][first-recon-project][html] > options set CREATOR 4hathacker
CREATOR => 4hathacker
[recon-ng][first-recon-project][html] > options set CUSTOMER BERKELEY.EDU
CUSTOMER => BERKELEY.EDU
[recon-ng][first-recon-project][html] > run
[*] Report generated at '/home/4hathacker/.recon-ng/workspaces/first-recon-project/results.html'.
```

4. Open the report, using any browser and analyze the activities.



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[-] Summary

table	count
domains	1
companies	0
netblocks	0
locations	0
vulnerabilities	0
ports	0
hosts	572
contacts	0
credentials	0
leaks	0
pushpins	0
profiles	0
repositories	0

[+] Domains

[-] Hosts

host	ip_address	region	country	latitude	longitude	module
149-1.military.berkeley.edu	169.229.8.23					brute_hosts
a.berkeley.edu	128.32.236.114					brute_hosts
abc.berkeley.edu	128.32.103.69					brute_hosts

Use Case 2:

Gathering Information from an organization's domain like emails, contacts, profiles, or personnel, etc.

Scenario: We will see how to gather information from a domain target say "wework.com". We will be utilizing some api-keys related to builtwith and pgp_search modules.

Pre-requisite: To follow along, one needs to sign-up at "api.builtwith.com" and "account.shodan.io/login" to get the api-keys. The accounts can be created for free without any charges with a limited capability.

1. Create workspace "second-recon-project" and insert domain as "wework.com"

    - **workspaces create second-recon-project**
    - **workspaces select second-recon-project**
    - **db insert domains wework.com**
    - **show domains**

```
[recon-ng][default] > workspaces add second-recon-project
Manages workspaces

Usage: workspaces <create|delete|list|select> [...]

[recon-ng][default] > workspaces create second-recon-project
[recon-ng][second-recon-project] > workspaces select second-recon-project
[recon-ng][second-recon-project] > db insert domains wework.com
[*] 1 rows affected.
[recon-ng][second-recon-project] > show domains

  +---------------------------------+
  | rowid |   domain   |    module    |
  +---------------------------------+
  | 1     | wework.com | user_defined |
  +---------------------------------+

[*] 1 rows returned
[recon-ng][second-recon-project] >
```

2. Go to “api.builtwith.com” and sign up to get a free account and api-key, if not done.

3. Run the following commands in Recon-ng shell

   - **marketplace search builtwith**
   - **marketplace install recon/domains-hosts/builtwith**
   - **modules load recon/domains-hosts/builtwith**

4. Now, add the builtwith api-key to Recon-ng. You can use “info” command to get details about builtwith module. It gives the information about hosts, technologies, contacts associated with the input domain. Run the module and analyze the result.

   - **keys add builtwith_api <api-key>**
   - **keys list**
   - **info**

```
[recon-ng][second-recon-project][builtwith] > keys add builtwith_api [redacted]
[*] Key 'builtwith_api' added.
[recon-ng][second-recon-project][builtwith] > keys list

  +-------------------------------------------------------+
  |      Name     |                Value                  |
  +-------------------------------------------------------+
  | builtwith_api | [redacted]                            |
  +-------------------------------------------------------+

[recon-ng][second-recon-project][builtwith] > info

     Name: BuiltWith Enumerator
   Author: Tim Tomes (@lanmaster53)
  Version: 1.0
     Keys: builtwith_api

Description:
  Leverages the BuiltWith API to identify hosts, technologies, and contacts associated with a domain.

Options:
  Name      Current Value  Required  Description
  --------  -------------  --------  -----------
  SHOW_ALL  True           yes       display technologies
  SOURCE    default        yes       source of input (see 'show info' for details)

Source Options:
  default        SELECT DISTINCT domain FROM domains WHERE domain IS NOT NULL
  <string>       string representing a single input
  <path>         path to a file containing a list of inputs
```

- **run**

```
[recon-ng][second-recon-project][builtwith] > run

----------
WEWORK.COM
----------
[*] [contact] <blank> <blank> (privacy@wework.com) - BuiltWith contact
[*] [contact] <blank> <blank> (press@wework.com) - BuiltWith contact
[*] [contact] <blank> <blank> (sydney@wework.com) - BuiltWith contact
[*] [contact] <blank> <blank> (paris@wework.com) - BuiltWith contact
[*] [contact] <blank> <blank> (denver@wework.com) - BuiltWith contact
[*] [contact] Chan Content (<blank>) - BuiltWith contact
[*] [contact] Adam Neumann (<blank>) - BuiltWith contact
[*] [contact] Miguel Mckelvey (<blank>) - BuiltWith contact
[*] [contact] Miguel McKelvey (<blank>) - BuiltWith contact
[*] [host] 30-churchill-place.wework.com (<blank>)
[*] [host] 80-george-street.wework.com (<blank>)
[*] [host] app.wework.com (<blank>)
[*] [host] art.wework.com (<blank>)
[*] [host] bender-rivendell.wework.com (<blank>)
[*] [host] blog.wework.com (<blank>)
[*] [host] careers.wework.com (<blank>)
```

```
[*] Description: Live traffic monitoring of your website.
[*] Link: http://chartbeat.com
[*] Tag: analytics
[*] FirstDetected: 1356958800000
[*] LastDetected: 1467241200000
[*] ------------------------------------------------
[*] Categories: ['Programming Language']
[*] Name: Ruby on Rails
[*] Description: Ruby on Rails is an open-source web framework that is optimized for programmer happiness and
    sustainable productivity.
[*] Link: http://www.rubyonrails.org/
[*] Tag: framework
[*] FirstDetected: 1343570400000
[*] LastDetected: 1555542000000
[*] ------------------------------------------------
[*] Categories: None
[*] Name: Rack Cache
[*] Description: Rack::Cache is a component to enable HTTP caching for Rack-based applications such as Rails.
[*] Link: http://rtomayko.github.com/rack-cache/
[*] Tag: Web Server
[*] FirstDetected: 1343570400000
[*] LastDetected: 1410476400000
[*] ------------------------------------------------
[*] Categories: ['US hosting', 'Cloud Hosting', 'Cloud PaaS', 'Edge Delivery Network']
[*] Name: Cloudflare Hosting
[*] Description: Supercharged web hosting service.
[*] Link: http://cloudflare.com
[*] Tag: hosting
[*] FirstDetected: 1359637200000
[*] LastDetected: 1571353200000
```

5. Similarly, we can search, install and load the pgp_search module. Note that, it requires a Shodan api-key to be loaded inside Recon-ng.

   - **marketplace search pgp**
   - **marketplace install recon/domains-contacts/pgp_search**
   - **keys add shodan_api <api-key>**
   - **modules load recon/domains-contacts/pgp_search**

```
[recon-ng][second-recon-project] > marketplace search pgp
[*] Searching module index for 'pgp'...

  +-------------------------------------------------------------------------------+
  |                Path                | Version |   Status  |  Updated   | D | K |
  +-------------------------------------------------------------------------------+
  | recon/domains-contacts/pgp_search | 1.3     | installed | 2019-10-16 |   |   |
  +-------------------------------------------------------------------------------+

  D = Has dependencies. See info for details.
  K = Requires keys. See info for details.

[recon-ng][second-recon-project] > marketplace install recon/domains-contacts/pgp_search
[*] Module installed: recon/domains-contacts/pgp_search
[*] Reloading modules...
[!] 'shodan_api' key not set. shodan_ip module will likely fail at runtime. See 'keys add'.
[!] 'shodan_api' key not set. shodan module will likely fail at runtime. See 'keys add'.
[recon-ng][second-recon-project] > keys add shodan_api [redacted]
[*] Key 'shodan_api' added.
[recon-ng][second-recon-project] > modules load recon/domains-contacts/pgp_search
[recon-ng][second-recon-project][pgp_search] > info

     Name: PGP Key Owner Lookup
   Author: Robert Frost (@frosty_1313, frosty[at]unluckyfrosty.net) and Cam Barts (@cam-barts)
  Version: 1.3

Description:
  Searches the MIT public PGP key server for email addresses of the given domain. Updates the
  'contacts' table with the results.
```

6. Running this module, one can grab a few more email-addresses of the given domain with the search capability inside MIT public PGP key server.

   - **run**
   - **show contacts**

```
[recon-ng][second-recon-project][pgp_search] > run

----------
WEWORK.COM
----------
[*] [contact] Noy Gabay (noy.gabay@wework.com) - PGP key association
[*] [contact] Michael Santillana (michael.santillana@wework.com) - PGP key association
[*] [contact] Tim Beeler (tim.beeler@wework.com) - PGP key association
[*] [contact] Willy Lulciuc (willy.lulciuc@wework.com) - PGP key association
[*] [contact] JJ Agha (jonathan.agha@wework.com) - PGP key association

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SUMMARY
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[*] 5 total (5 new) contacts found.
[recon-ng][second-recon-project][pgp_search] > show contacts

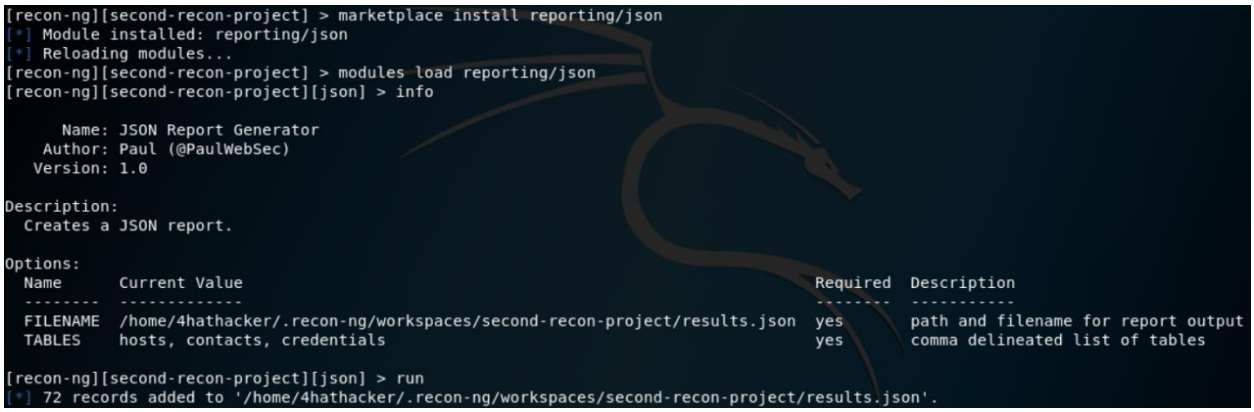
  +-------+------------+-------------+-----------+-------------------+-----------------+--------+---------+-----------+
  | rowid | first_name | middle_name | last_name |       email       |      title      | region | country |   module  |
  +-------+------------+-------------+-----------+-------------------+-----------------+--------+---------+-----------+
  | 1     |            |             |           | privacy@wework.com | BuiltWith contact |        |         | builtwith |
  | 2     |            |             |           | press@wework.com   | BuiltWith contact |        |         | builtwith |
  | 3     |            |             |           | sydney@wework.com  | BuiltWith contact |        |         | builtwith |
  | 4     |            |             |           | paris@wework.com   | BuiltWith contact |        |         | builtwith |
  | 5     |            |             |           | denver@wework.com  | BuiltWith contact |        |         | builtwith |
  | 6     | Chan       |             | Content   |                   | BuiltWith contact |        |         | builtwith |
  | 7     | Adam       |             | Neumann   |                   | BuiltWith contact |        |         | builtwith |
  | 8     | Miguel     |             | Mckelvey  |                   | BuiltWith contact |        |         | builtwith |
  | 9     | Miguel     |             | McKelvey  |                   | BuiltWith contact |        |         | builtwith |
```

7. One can try to dig more utilizing the username obtained so far, with the “profiler” module to collect for social-media profile information across variety of websites. Remember to add usernames in profile table with “db” commands prior to that.

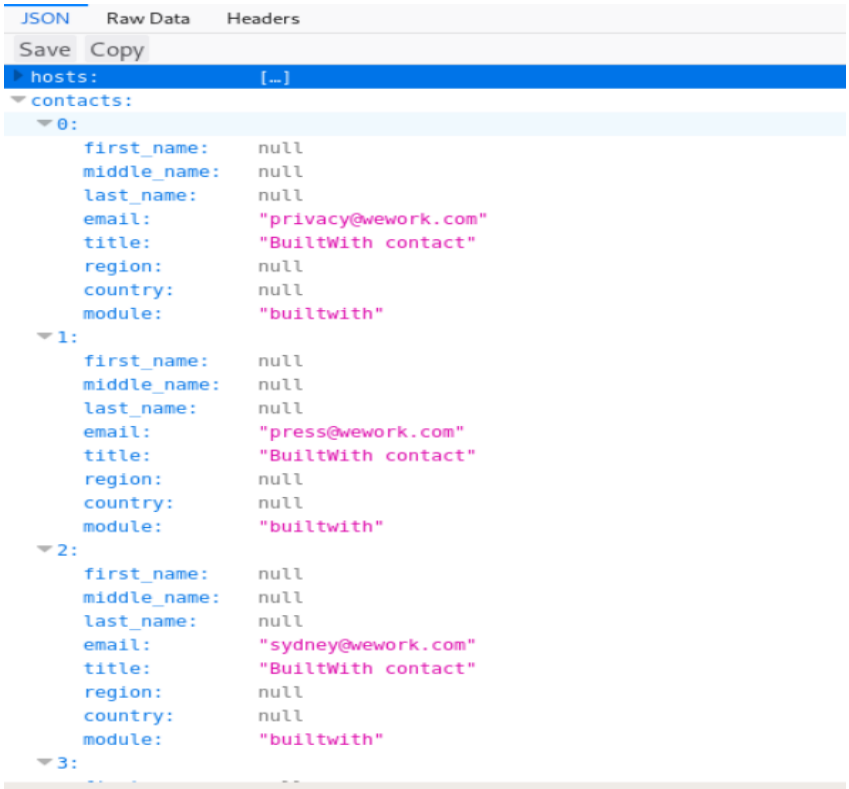
Reporting:

Here we will see for json module for contact-info reporting and html module for complete reporting.

1. Install json module and “run” to get the report.


[recon-ng][second-recon-project] > marketplace install reporting/json
[*] Module installed: reporting/json
[*] Reloading modules...
[recon-ng][second-recon-project] > modules load reporting/json
[recon-ng][second-recon-project][json] > info
Name: JSON Report Generator
Author: Paul (@PaulWebSec)
Version: 1.0
Description:
Creates a JSON report.
Options:
Name Current Value Required Description
FILENAME /home/4hathacker/.recon-ng/workspaces/second-recon-project/results.json yes path and filename for report output
TABLES hosts, contacts, credentials yes comma delineated list of tables
[recon-ng][second-recon-project][json] > run
[*] 72 records added to '/home/4hathacker/.recon-ng/workspaces/second-recon-project/results.json'.

2. Analyze the json report. Note that, there is no need to enter any “CUSTOMER” or “CREATOR” details. This can be useful for internal purpose or further analysis.



3. Install/Load html module, set “CUSTOMER” and “CREATOR” fields and “run” to get the report.

```
[recon-ng][second-recon-project][json] > modules load reporting/html
[recon-ng][second-recon-project][html] > run
[!] Value required for the 'CUSTOMER' option.
[!] Something broken? See https://github.com/lanmaster53/recon-ng/wiki/Troubleshooting#issue-reporting.
[recon-ng][second-recon-project][html] > options set CUSTOMER WEWORK
CUSTOMER => WEWORK
[recon-ng][second-recon-project][html] > options set CREATOR 4hathacker
```

4. Analyze the html report closely. With “profiles” module a little more finding is gathered in the requisite report section.

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[-] Summary

table	count
domains	1
companies	0
netblocks	0
locations	0
vulnerabilities	0
ports	0
hosts	58
contacts	14
credentials	0
leaks	0
pushpins	0
profiles	2
repositories	0

[-] Domains

domain	module
wework.com	user_defined

[-] Hosts

host	ip_address	region	country	latitude	longitude	module
30-churchill-place.wework.com						builtwith

[-] Contacts

first_name	middle_name	last_name	email	title	region	country	module
			privacy@wework.com	BuiltWith contact			builtwith
			press@wework.com	BuiltWith contact			builtwith
			sydney@wework.com	BuiltWith contact			builtwith
			paris@wework.com	BuiltWith contact			builtwith
			denver@wework.com	BuiltWith contact			builtwith
Adam		Neumann		BuiltWith contact			builtwith
Chan		Content		BuiltWith contact			builtwith
JJ		Agha	jonathan.agha@wework.com	PGP key association			pgp_search
Michael		Santillana	michael.santillana@wework.com	PGP key association			pgp_search
Miguel		Mckelvey		BuiltWith contact			builtwith
Miguel		McKelvey		BuiltWith contact			builtwith
Noy		Gabay	noy.gabay@wework.com	PGP key association			pgp_search
Tim		Beeler	tim.beeler@wework.com	PGP key association			pgp_search
Willy		Lulciuc	willy.lulciuc@wework.com	PGP key association			pgp_search

[-] Profiles

username	resource	url	category	notes	module
Noy Gabay	Flickr	https://www.flickr.com/photos/Noy+Gabay/	images		profiler
Tim Beeler	Internet Archive	http://archive.org/search.php?query=Tim+Beeler	search		profiler

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Lessons Learned

OSINT has become a regular practice for several organizations in different forms. From legal departments to business intelligence, corporate investigations to private detectives it has the same roots. Sometimes, it touches irrelevant information but cannot be disregarded for not providing the potentially crucial information. It often comes as a less expensive alternative with a minimal time consumption for intelligence gathering.

With Recon-ng, it completely depends upon the analyst's approach and perseverance while gathering intelligence in an assigned task. Use of different modules in combination will make information gathering more easier as compared to the traditional approaches.

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Digital Forensics & Incident Response

Introduction to Digital Forensics and Autopsy Installation

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Abstract

"People always make the best exploits. I've never found it hard to hack most people. If you listen to them, watch them, their vulnerabilities are like a neon sign screwed into their heads." [1]
– Elliot Alderson, The Robot.

Many businesses and organizations are expanding their online and mobile operations in the face of increasing competition and unforgiving customer demands. Most of them will forget about the security measures to inculcate in their business expansion strategies and commit themselves in the dark well of cyber-attacks.

As per a research from LexisNexis Risk Solutions [2], there were around 277 million human-initiated cyberattacks, up 13% in just six months of arrival of 2019. While organizations are continuously emphasizing to move over cloud and going mobile, 111 million mobile attacks were observed during the same interval, rising 10% that same time frame.

Cyber espionages such as phishing, bank frauds, password stealing, money laundering, ransomware, etc. are surging across the regions globally, and it is becoming evident that digital forensics has become a relatively essential tool for cyber-crime investigations.

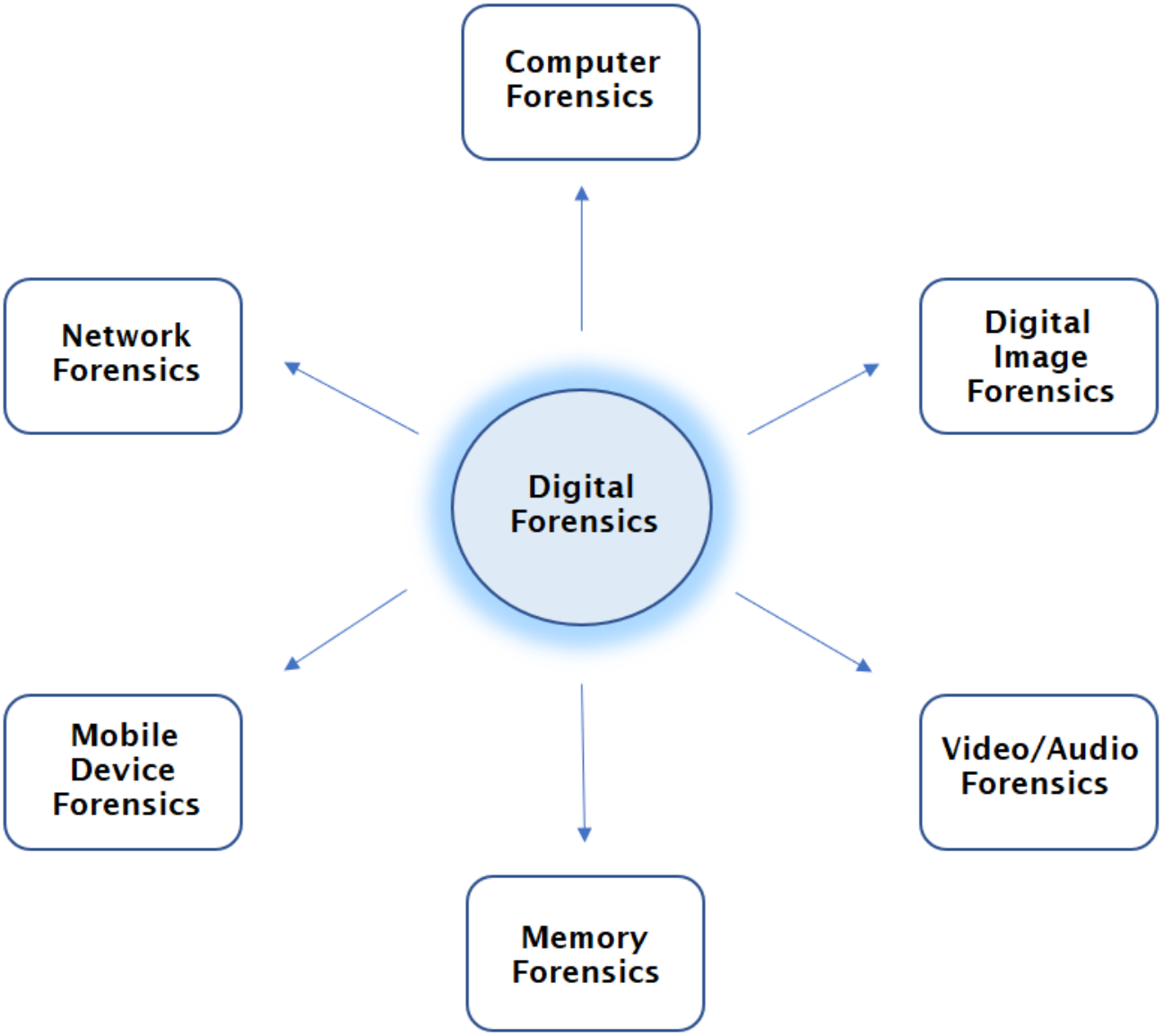
Digital Forensics: Introduction

According to Collins Dictionary, '***Forensic***' is used to describe the work of scientists who examine evidence in order to help the police solve crimes.[3] We follow that the term has a close relation to art of examination and science of logical analysis. However, in corporate, people relate it with one more term – law or legality.

In NIST SP 800-86 under Digital Forensics, this is defined as,

"The application of science to the identification, collection, examination, and analysis, of data while preserving the integrity of the information and maintaining a strict chain of custody for the data." [4]

Digital Forensics is a vast domain in cybersecurity encompassing different fields in digital world. It passes through computer, network, cloud, mobile devices, etc. giving rise to new sub-disciplines. According to a curriculum for Digital forensics at Open University [5], the sub-disciplines are depicted below. However, it is important to note that there are so many exceptions to blur this classification due to technology advances. For example, cloud forensics is a very interesting and opportunistic field with a lot of potential in the market these days.



Digital Forensics: Process

Digital forensics is helpful in building the analogy for where, when and why a malicious actor has entered a system. This provides an understanding of the breach and guidance on how to mitigate the attack. It also identifies the tools, tactics and processes, the attacker has used to gain access.

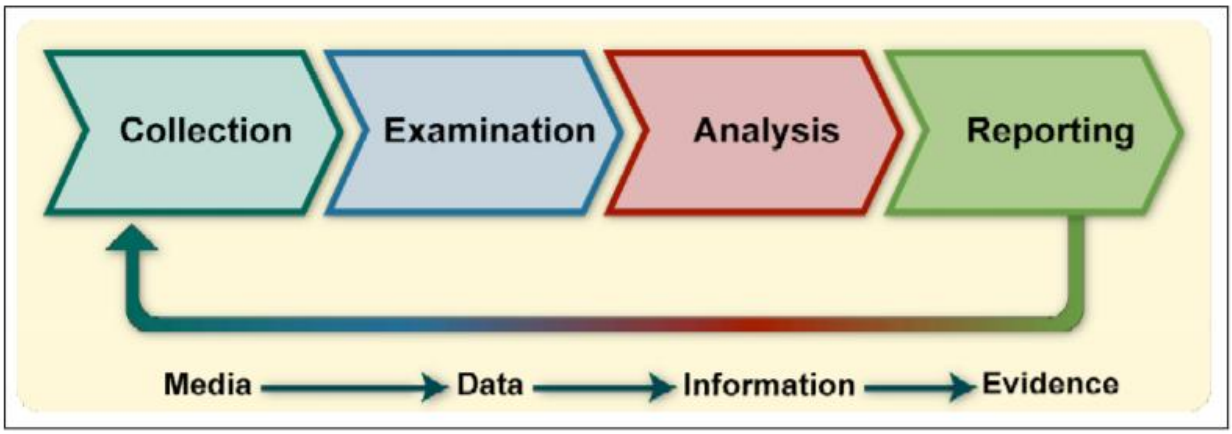
This process is very complicated in technical prospects and the exact steps may vary based on the specific needs of forensics, organization's policies and many other reasons.
During forensic analysis, there are some common steps to be followed:

1. **Collection**: This includes identification, labelling, record management and secure collection of data to make sure its integrity is preserved.

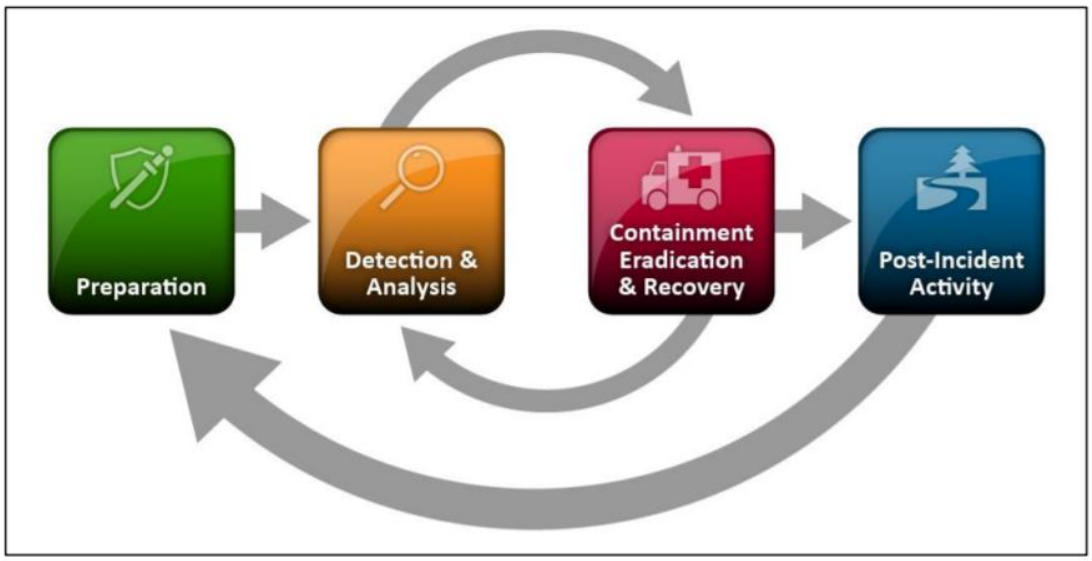
2. **Examination**: This includes the utilization of forensic tools and techniques appropriate to the types of collected data to extract/obtain the most relevant information.

3. **Analysis**: This involves the analysis of the information obtained by examination to address the incident being investigated. The main aim is to draw conclusions in this phase.

4. **Reporting**: This is the final phase of digital forensics which may include the details of actions performed, actions required, scope of improvement, etc.



The complete process is responsible for transforming media (any system/network observation) into an evidence (items which can be admitted into court in a legal outlook).



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Walkthrough: Autopsy

Autopsy is a *digital forensics cross platform GUI* to The Sleuth Kit and other digital forensics tools [7]. It is widely used by forensic experts, law enforcement, military, and corporate examiners to investigate what exactly happened to the digital asset. It allows us to examine hard drive or mobile device and recover evidence from it.

Before getting started to work with Autopsy, let's see how to install this in an Ubuntu 16.04 machine. The latest version of Autopsy is v4.13.0 released under Apache 2.0 license. [8]

Prerequisites:

- **Ubuntu 16.04 Linux**
- Access to Internet
- [Highly recommended] Remove or disable antivirus software from computers that will be processing or reviewing cases. Here, it is our installation machine.
- According to Autopsy Docs, the 64-bit version of Autopsy requires a minimum of 8GB RAM (16 GB recommended).

Important Note: Autopsy GUI rely on JAVA 8 distribution for its functionality. Please install any open source JAVA 8 JRE and JAVA FX 8 distribution and set the JAVA_HOME path. Here by default, the JDK and JRE for Ubuntu 16.04 LTS are JAVA 8 versions. In case, if below commands won't adhere to JAVA 8 installation or you have any other Linux distribution, you can install BellSoft JAVA 8 JRE and JAVA FX 8. For more information refer here.

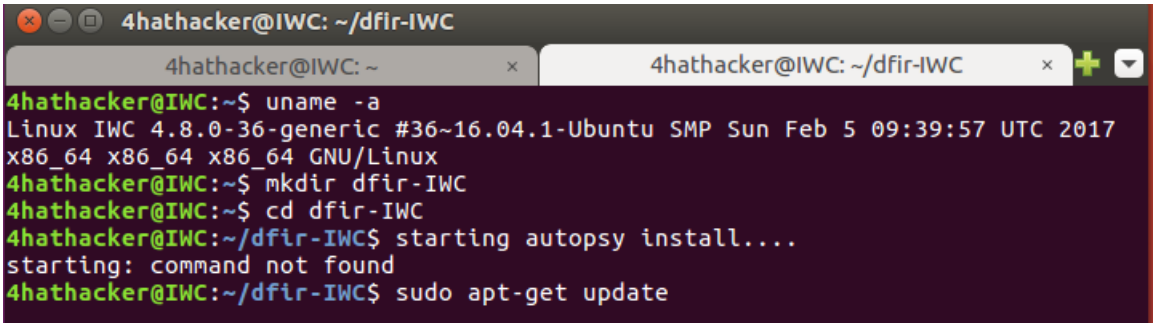
The other pre-requisites will be covered during installation

Autopsy – Installation

1. In your Ubuntu machine, open a terminal and create a directory – **dfir-IWC** for all our work during installation of Autopsy.

2. Go to the directory **dfir-IWC**. If your machine is not updated, please update running the requisite command.

    - **sudo apt-get update**



3. Install the testdisk for photorec functionality.

- **sudo apt-get install testdisk**

```
4hathacker@ub-IWC:~/dfir-IWC$ sudo apt-get install testdisk
[sudo] password for 4hathacker:
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following packages were automatically installed and are no longer required:
  snap-confine snapd-login-service
Use 'sudo apt autoremove' to remove them.
The following NEW packages will be installed:
  testdisk
0 upgraded, 1 newly installed, 0 to remove and 53 not upgraded.
Need to get 324 kB of archives.
After this operation, 1,241 kB of additional disk space will be used.
Get:1 http://in.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu xenial/universe amd64 testdisk amd64 7
.0-1 [324 kB]
Fetched 324 kB in 1s (262 kB/s)
Selecting previously unselected package testdisk.
(Reading database ... 177126 files and directories currently installed.)
Preparing to unpack .../testdisk_7.0-1_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking testdisk (7.0-1) ...
Processing triggers for man-db (2.7.5-1) ...
Setting up testdisk (7.0-1) ...
```

4. Install the default-jre in your machine.

- **sudo apt-get install default-jre**

  Note: note that any Java 8 version of OpenJDK/OpenJFX distribution should suffice. Amazon Corretto 8 also works very well , allowing you to install on Ubuntu 19 as well.

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4hathacker@ub-IWC:~/dfir-IWC$ sudo apt-get install default-jre
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following packages were automatically installed and are no longer required:
  snap-confine snapd-login-service
Use 'sudo apt autoremove' to remove them.
The following additional packages will be installed:
  ca-certificates-java default-jre-headless fonts-dejavu-extra java-common
  libgif7 openjdk-8-jre openjdk-8-jre-headless
Suggested packages:
  default-java-plugin icedtea-8-plugin fonts-ipafont-gothic
  fonts-ipafont-mincho fonts-wqy-microhei fonts-wqy-zenhei fonts-indic
The following NEW packages will be installed:
  ca-certificates-java default-jre default-jre-headless fonts-dejavu-extra
  java-common libgif7 openjdk-8-jre openjdk-8-jre-headless
0 upgraded, 8 newly installed, 0 to remove and 55 not upgraded.
Need to get 1,767 kB/29.0 MB of archives.
After this operation, 107 MB of additional disk space will be used.
Do you want to continue? [Y/n] Y
```

5. Check your Java installation by looking out for the jvm installation. For Ubuntu 16.04, you can find it inside '*/usr/lib/jvm*'.

    - **sudo ls -la /usr/lib/jvm**

```
4hathacker@ub-IWC:~/dfir-IWC$ checking java installation
No command 'checking' found, did you mean:
 Command 'checkint' from package 'netdiag' (universe)
checking: command not found
4hathacker@ub-IWC:~/dfir-IWC$ sudo ls -la /usr/lib/jvm/
default-java/                  .java-1.8.0-openjdk-amd64.jinfo
java-1.8.0-openjdk-amd64/      java-8-openjdk-amd64/
4hathacker@ub-IWC:~/dfir-IWC$ sudo ls -la /usr/lib/jvm/
[sudo] password for 4hathacker:
total 16
drwxr-xr-x   3 root root 4096 Nov 10 22:31 .
drwxr-xr-x 141 root root 4096 Nov 10 22:30 ..
lrwxrwxrwx   1 root root   24 Feb 26  2016 default-java -> java-1.8.0-openjdk-am
d64
lrwxrwxrwx   1 root root   20 Jul 19 03:15 java-1.8.0-openjdk-amd64 -> java-8-op
enjdk-amd64
-rw-r--r--   1 root root 2714 Jul 19 03:15 .java-1.8.0-openjdk-amd64.jinfo
drwxr-xr-x   6 root root 4096 Nov 10 22:58 java-8-openjdk-amd64
4hathacker@ub-IWC:~/dfir-IWC$
```

6. Install the OpenJFX distribution in your machine.

    - **sudo apt-get install openjfx**

```
4hathacker@ub-IWC:~/dfir-IWC$ sudo apt-get install openjfx
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
```

7. Set the JAVA_HOME variable in the bashrc file of your machine.

    - **sudo nano ~/.bashrc**
      [Add below lines]
      # setting JAVA_HOME
      export JAVA_HOME=/usr/lib/jvm/java-8-openjdk-amd64
      export PATH=${PATH}:${JAVA_HOME}/bin

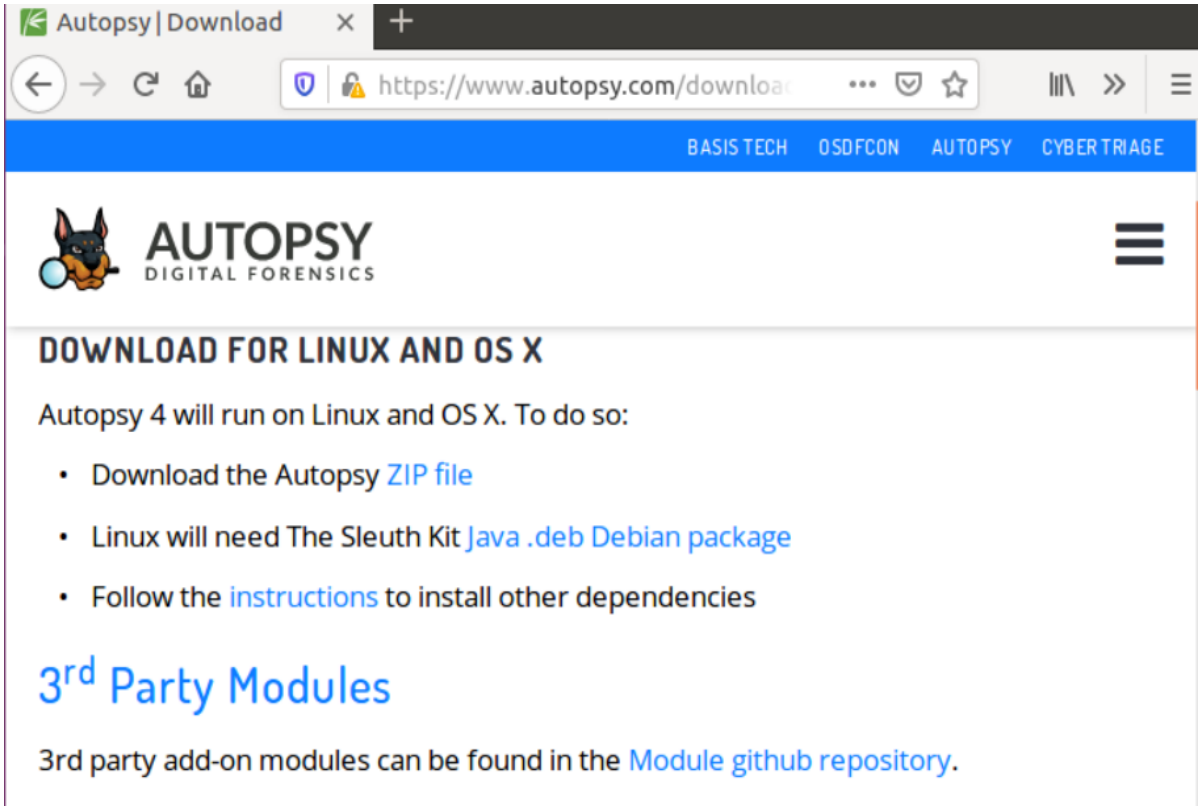
```
4hathacker@ub-IWC:~/dfir-IWC/autopsy-4.13.0$ sudo nano ~/.bashrc
[sudo] password for 4hathacker:
4hathacker@ub-IWC:~/dfir-IWC/autopsy-4.13.0$ sudo cat ~/.bashrc | grep JAVA_HOME
# setting JAVA_HOME
export JAVA_HOME=/usr/lib/jvm/java-8-openjdk-amd64/
export PATH=${PATH}:${JAVA_HOME}/bin
4hathacker@ub-IWC:~/dfir-IWC/autopsy-4.13.0$
```

8. Now we can check if Java and JavaFX are installed properly.

    - **java –version**
    - **cat $JAVA_HOME/jre/lib/javafx.properties**

```
4hathacker@ub-IWC:~/dfir-IWC/autopsy-4.13.0$ echo $JAVA_HOME
/usr/lib/jvm/java-8-openjdk-amd64/
4hathacker@ub-IWC:~/dfir-IWC/autopsy-4.13.0$ java -version
openjdk version "1.8.0_222"
OpenJDK Runtime Environment (build 1.8.0_222-8u222-b10-1ubuntu1~16.04.1-b10)
OpenJDK 64-Bit Server VM (build 25.222-b10, mixed mode)
4hathacker@ub-IWC:~$ cat $JAVA_HOME/jre/lib/javafx.properties
javafx.runtime.version=8.0.60
javafx.runtime.build=b00
4hathacker@ub-IWC:~$
```

9. Now, you must Install the Sleuth Kit Java Bindings. Download the Java.deb Debian package from www.autopsy.com/download in the **dfir-IWC** directory.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BASIS TECH
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CYBER TRIAGE
AUTOPSY
DIGITAL FORENSICS
DOWNLOAD FOR LINUX AND OS X
Autopsy 4 will run on Linux and OS X. To do so:
Download the Autopsy ZIP file
Linux will need The Sleuth Kit Java .deb Debian package
Follow the instructions to install other dependencies
3rd Party Modules
3rd party add-on modules can be found in the Module github repository.

10. install it using the below command.

    - **sudo apt install ./sleuthkit-java_4.7.0-1_amd64.deb**

```
4hathacker@ub-IWC:~/dfir-IWC$ sudo apt install ./sleuthkit-java_4.7.0-1_amd64.de
b
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
Note, selecting 'sleuthkit-java' instead of './sleuthkit-java_4.7.0-1_amd64.deb'
```

11. Download the Autopsy ZIP file from www.autopsy.com/download and copy it into the "**dfir-IWC**" directory. Unzip the same.

    - **sudo cp /home/4hathacker/Downloads/autopsy-4.13.0.zip**
    - **unzip autopsy-4.13.0.zip**

```
4hathacker@ub-IWC:~/dfir-IWC$ sudo cp /home/4hathacker/Downloads/autopsy-4.13.0.
zip .
4hathacker@ub-IWC:~/dfir-IWC$ ls
autopsy-4.13.0.zip  sleuthkit-java_4.7.0-1_amd64.deb
4hathacker@ub-IWC:~/dfir-IWC$ unzip autopsy-4.13.0.zip
Archive:  autopsy-4.13.0.zip
   creating: autopsy-4.13.0/
   creating: autopsy-4.13.0/autopsy/
   creating: autopsy-4.13.0/autopsy/7-Zip/
   creating: autopsy-4.13.0/autopsy/7-Zip/Lang/
   creating: autopsy-4.13.0/autopsy/ESEDatabaseView/
   creating: autopsy-4.13.0/autopsy/InternalPythonModules/
   creating: autopsy-4.13.0/autopsy/InternalPythonModules/android/
   creating: autopsy-4.13.0/autopsy/Tesseract-OCR/
   creating: autopsy-4.13.0/autopsy/Tesseract-OCR/doc/
   creating: autopsy-4.13.0/autopsy/Tesseract-OCR/tessdata/
   creating: autopsy-4.13.0/autopsy/Tesseract-OCR/tessdata/configs/
   creating: autopsy-4.13.0/autopsy/Tesseract-OCR/tessdata/tessconfigs/
   creating: autopsy-4.13.0/autopsy/Volatility/
   creating: autopsy-4.13.0/autopsy/config/
   creating: autopsy-4.13.0/autopsy/config/Modules/
   creating: autopsy-4.13.0/autopsy/core/
   creating: autopsy-4.13.0/autopsy/core/locale/
   creating: autopsy-4.13.0/autopsy/ewfexport_exec/
   creating: autopsy-4.13.0/autopsy/ewfexport_exec/32-bit/
   creating: autopsy-4.13.0/autopsy/ewfexport_exec/64-bit/
   creating: autopsy-4.13.0/autopsy/gstreamer/
```

12. Go to the unzipped autopsy-4.13.0 directory and check for unix_setup.sh file.

    - **cd autopsy-4.13.0/**
    - **ls -ll unix_setup.sh**

```
4hathacker@ub-IWC:~$ cd dfir-IWC/
4hathacker@ub-IWC:~/dfir-IWC$ ls
autopsy-4.13.0  autopsy-4.13.0.zip  sleuthkit-java_4.7.0-1_amd64.deb
4hathacker@ub-IWC:~/dfir-IWC$ cd autopsy-4.13.0/
4hathacker@ub-IWC:~/dfir-IWC/autopsy-4.13.0$ ls
autopsy  etc       java             platform              unix_setup.sh
bin      harness   LICENSE-2.0.txt  README.txt
docs     icon.ico  NEWS.txt         Running_Linux_OSX.txt
4hathacker@ub-IWC:~/dfir-IWC/autopsy-4.13.0$ ls -ll unix_setup.sh
-rwxr-xr-x 1 4hathacker 4hathacker 2696 Oct 10 18:43 unix_setup.sh
```

13. Make it executable (if not already) and then run this script.

    - **./unix_setup.sh**

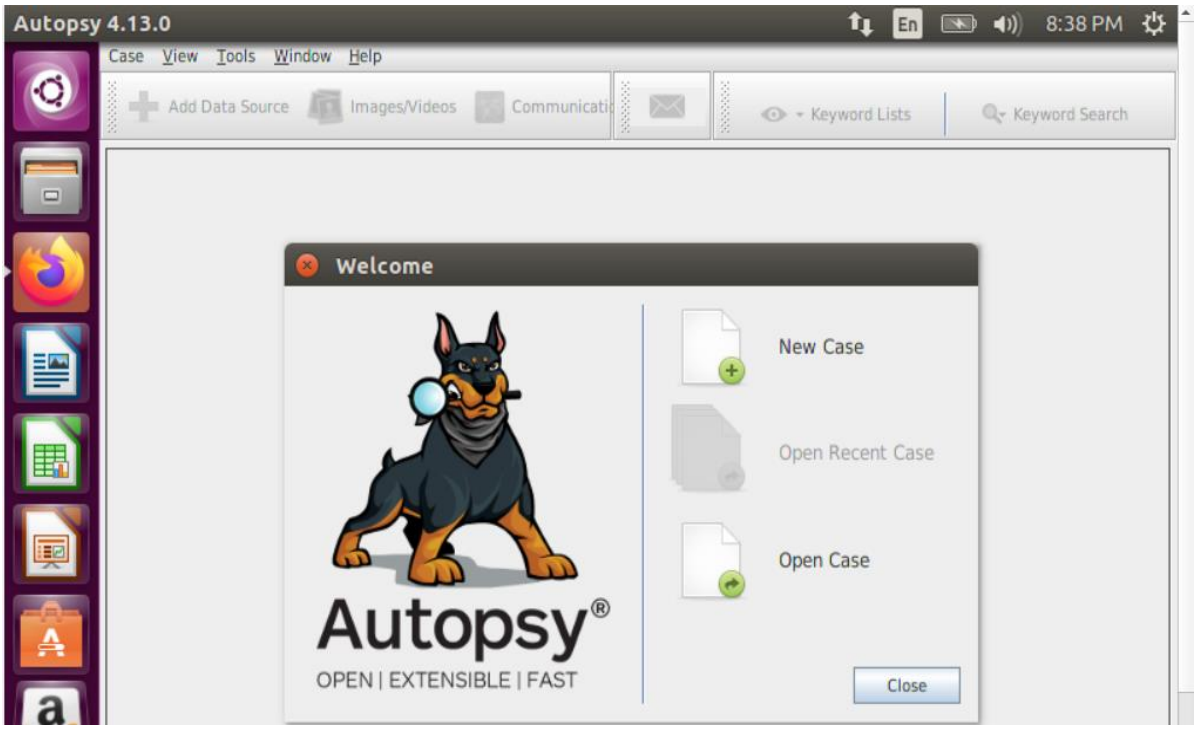
```
4hathacker@ub-IWC:~/dfir-IWC/autopsy-4.13.0$ ./unix_setup.sh
-----------------------------------------
Checking prerequisites and preparing Autopsy:
-----------------------------------------
Checking for PhotoRec...found in /usr/bin
Checking for Java...found in /usr/lib/jvm/java-8-openjdk-amd64/
Checking for Sleuth Kit Java bindings...found in /usr/share/java
Copying sleuthkit-4.7.0.jar into the Autopsy directory...done

Autopsy is now configured. You can execute bin/autopsy to start it
```

14. Now go to /bin and run the autopsy script.

```
4hathacker@ub-IWC:~/dfir-IWC$ cd autopsy-4.13.0/
4hathacker@ub-IWC:~/dfir-IWC/autopsy-4.13.0$ cd bin
4hathacker@ub-IWC:~/dfir-IWC/autopsy-4.13.0/bin$ ls
autopsy  autopsy64.exe  autopsy.exe  ManifestTool.exe
4hathacker@ub-IWC:~/dfir-IWC/autopsy-4.13.0/bin$ ./autopsy
Temp Folder for Libraries: /tmp
SleuthkitJNI: loaded libtsk_jni
Using java binary path: java
```

15. Autopsy is installed to perform hands-on exercises.



There are lot resources available online for gaining practical experience on Autopsy. For example, *California Cybersecurity Institute* in their Windows Training Curriculum offers a complete training guide to Digital Forensics for Windows and Android which is licensed under an Attribution Non-Commercial No-Derivatives 4.0 International License. [9]

Lessons Learned

Digital Forensics is a growing security domain. With the rise in security concerns across different industries and economic growth in developing countries, the demand of skilled digital forensics expert is increasing rapidly. It requires years of practical experience to understand the nitty gritty details in different segments of digital forensics with knowledge of specific tools.

Autopsy is a great addition to several forensic tools to provide a simple interface for efficient management for forensics activities. The latest installation process with a switch from Oracle JDK to Open JDK and full command line support will help analysts to maintain the analysis in a better way.

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Digital Forensics & Incident Response

Elastic Stack with Zeek (Bro) IDS Integration

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Elastic Stack (ELK) with Zeek (Bro)

The Elastic Stack is often referred to as the ELK Stack and is a software suite made by Elastic. The ELK Stack is used to ingest data from many sources and in many different formats giving the end user a way to visualize and analyze the data instantly. Elastic products are open source and highly customizable allowing for customization in many different environments. The heart of Elastic Stack is Elasticsearch which is used to search for and analyze data using a Lucene style full-text search engine. Elasticsearch can be used on a single node or hundreds of nodes and it will still perform the same way.

Elasticsearch scales horizontally allowing for it to manage a high number of events allowing it to easily manage how the data is distributed across the cluster. Elasticsearch receives its data by ingesting it from shipping metrics within apps that they refer to as “Beats.” In this installation we are going to use Filebeat to send data from Zeek to Elasticsearch via the built in Zeek Module contained within Filebeat. Alternatively, we are going to configure Filebeat to send logs to Logstash for use with a data collection pipeline that can be used to view data from several programs besides just the Zeek IDS. Elasticsearch uses a program called Kibana to visualize the data that is ingested and indexed within the Elasticsearch cluster.

Kibana provides real-time visualization of the data that Elasticsearch indexes. You can create heat maps, waffle charts, and graphs to give presentations, or simply provide a method to manage and monitor data. The great thing about Kibana is you can use it to show trends quickly and efficiently without having to dig through large amounts of logs manually.

Logstash processes data through a pipeline that is ingested from multiple sources simultaneously, and then it manipulates that data however you decide before sending it to Elasticsearch. The great part about Logstash is that you can change the way the data is parsed, and how you view it within Kibana. Logstash supports input from a wide array of sources, and can manage data from web applications, logs, metrics, AWS services and it can stream the data real time. Furthermore, Logstash can use structured and unstructured data with grok, which is a term used by Elastic that means it can parse unstructured data and translate it into something structured allowing for you to be able to perform queries. Grok works really well for data that that is not a regular expression and you can use the dissect option for data that is reliable and repeated.

GeoIP is a feature used in Elasticsearch that uses GeoLite2 to decipher geo coordinates from IP addresses. GeoLite2 is the IP geolocation database used in both Logstash and Elasticsearch, but this method only shows a location area and does not pinpoint the IP to a specific address. IP Geolocation shows a radius based off a latitude and longitude. In this walk through we will use Geoip for Logstash, and the Zeek Module to show where traffic outside the network is coming from.

Filebeat is the lightweight shipper we will use for shipping logs from Zeek (Bro) in this walkthrough. Filebeat allows you to send thousands of logs from servers, Virtual Machines, and containers allowing for centralization of the data. Filebeat uses an aggregated format that you can visualize real-time in Kibana. Furthermore, the beauty of Filebeat is the fact that it comes with several internal modules that are already preconfigured to handle logs from several popular applications that simplifies the collection and parsing of data. Filebeat also has dashboards that are preconfigured with popular examples of data analyzers that are displayed with-in Kibana dashboards. Another great feature that Filebeat offers is the ability to slow down the speed that it sends logs to Logstash or Elasticsearch; This feature is called the “backpressure-sensitive protocol” and either program will notify Filebeat to slow down sending data while it is processing, and will notify Filebeat to continue shipping information once it has caught up.

For this walkthrough we are going to go over how to install, and configure Elasticsearch, Filebeat, Kibana, and Logstash to ingest logs from Zeek (Bro) to perform analyzation and real-time monitoring. The installation process was extremely straight forward when installing these programs, and the Elastic website offers a plethora of documentation for customization and configuring. The configuration portion of ELK is a bit more difficult because there are so many possibilities for how to ingest data, and adding in pipelines, formatting, and displaying data.

Before we start the walk through, I just want to give you a little background on how the experience went for me personally. I have never used, installed, or configured Zeek (Bro), or the ELK stack prior to this write up. I went into this scenario as a beginner, and at first the whole installation went off without a hitch. If you do a google search and look for other installation walkthroughs you will quickly notice that most stop after the installation is complete. Many of the installations will have different methods for using and configuring Filebeat and Logstash. When I started working on this project, I wanted to be able to use Zeek (Bro) and ELK together in order to have the entire functionality of GeoIP, and analyzation. It seemed like it would be pretty simple at first, and the documentation on the website goes into great detail on concepts. However, I'm not a programmer so as a newcomer it took a lot of time to research and see how these modules work together, and how the configuration works to make things happen the way I wanted. Also, I had a few hiccups with Logstash being indexed properly into Elasticsearch, which you will see in more detail in the alternate installation portion of this write-up.

My goal here is to explain some of the things I learned during this trial and error process and also show how to perform this process for any user of any skill level. The configuration files for the ELK stack are written in YAML Ain't Markup Language (YAML or YML), and JavaScript Object Notation (JSON). YML coding uses spaces for indentation, not tabs, and Elastic uses 2 spaces per indentation level on their default configuration files and Elastic recommends users to use the same format. In order to test your YML files you can run the following command to make sure you don't have any sytanx errors:

filebeat test config -c NAME_OF_FILE.yml

Use single quotation marks when using regular expressions because this will help work around YAML's string escaping issues. It is also recommended by Elastic to use single quotation marks when using paths. YAML's parser has issues identifying numeric fields that have a zero (0) for the first character, so use single quotation marks when using numbers like 07; YAML will convert this number to a float if you neglect using single quotes.

The JSON filter plugin is a parsing filter built into Logstash that is used to display data from fields that are made with JSON and expands them for use as a Logstash event. If this event fails it will display _jsonparsefailure, and the data will remain untouched. The JSON files are setup similar to the YML files by using the two-space convention. The following are JSON filter plugin options:

```
filter {
  JSON {
    source => "message"
    target => "doc"
    add_field => { "foo_%{a_field}" => "Some text, from %{host}" }
    add_tag => [ "foo_%{some_other_field}" , "a second_tag_if_needed" ]
```

NOTE: For the add_tag option you can specify as many tags as needed, or just use one.

```
id => “XYZ”
remove_field =>   { “foo_%{a_field}” => “Some text, from %{host}” }
remove_tag => [ “foo_%{some_other_field}” , “a second_tag_if_needed” ]
```

Refer to the write up from last Quarters CIR for the installation of Zeek (Bro) prior to starting this walkthrough if you want to use Zeek (Bro). During this walk through we are going to go over everything you need to know to get Zeek (Bro) logs ingested into Elasticsearch using Filebeat, and or Logstash if it would be more beneficial for your environment.

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Preconfigure the NIC to use Promiscuous Mode

1. **Run** the following command:

   ethtool -K enp0s5 rx off tx off tso off ufo off gso off gro off lro off

```
root@iwcdev:/# ethtool -K enp0s5 rx off tx off tso off ufo off gso off gro off l
ro off
Cannot change rx-checksumming
Cannot change udp-fragmentation-offload
Cannot change large-receive-offload
root@iwcdev:/#
```

2. **Run** the following **2** commands to enable promiscuous mode and ensure you use your specific network adapter name (I used enp0s5):

   sudo ifconfig enp0s5 promisc
   sudo ip a show enp0s5 | grep -I promisc

```
root@iwcdev:/# sudo ifconfig enp0s5 promisc
root@iwcdev:/# sudo ip a show enp0s5 | grep -i promisc
2: enp0s5: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,PROMISC,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc fq_codel sta
te UP group default qlen 1000
root@iwcdev:/#
```

   Note: The first command enables promiscuous mode for your network adapter, and the second command shows you if the network adapter is running in promiscuous mode. Likewise, if you run the second command and don't get an output then you are not in promisc mode. The "**ip a"** command shows an output similar to ifconfig normally, but we used the | "pipe" to send that output to the next command "grep" and used grep to show lines that contained "promisc" in order to cut out the clutter.

Installing Elasticsearch

Please take note that when you install ELK, the whole stack needs to be the same version. They have already released version 7.4. I wrote this walkthrough using 7.3.1 and 7.4 was release during editing; the installation steps are still the same.

1. **Download** and **install** the **public signing key** by using the following command:

   wget -qO - artifacts.elastic.co/GPG-KEY-elasticsearch | sudo apt-key add -

```
iwcdev@iwcdev:~$ wget -qO - https://artifacts.elastic.co/GPG-KEY-elasticsearch |
 sudo apt-key add -
[sudo] password for iwcdev:
OK
```

2. **Install** the **APT repository** using the following command:

   sudo apt-get install apt-transport-https

```
iwcdev@iwcdev:~$ sudo apt-get install apt-transport-https
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following NEW packages will be installed:
  apt-transport-https
0 upgraded, 1 newly installed, 0 to remove and 2 not upgraded.
Need to get 1,692 B of archives.
After this operation, 155 kB of additional disk space will be used.
Get:1 http://es.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu disco-updates/universe amd64 apt-trans
port-https all 1.8.1 [1,692 B]
Fetched 1,692 B in 0s (7,351 B/s)
Selecting previously unselected package apt-transport-https.
(Reading database ... 100778 files and directories currently installed.)
Preparing to unpack .../apt-transport-https_1.8.1_all.deb ...
Unpacking apt-transport-https (1.8.1) ...
Setting up apt-transport-https (1.8.1) ...
```

3. **Run** the following command to add the elastic repository to your sources list:

   echo "deb artifacts.elastic.co/packages/7.x/apt stable main" | sudo tee -a /etc/apt/sources.list.d/elastic-7.x.list

```
iwcdev@iwcdev:~$ echo "deb https://artifacts.elastic.co/packages/7.x/apt stable
main" | sudo tee -a /etc/apt/sources.list.d/elastic-7.x.list
deb https://artifacts.elastic.co/packages/7.x/apt stable main
iwcdev@iwcdev:~$
```

4. **Run** the following command and **enter** your sudo password:

   sudo apt-get update && sudo apt-get install elasticsearch

```
iwcdev@iwcdev:~$ sudo apt-get update && sudo apt-get install elasticsearch
```

5. **Run** the following command to configure Elasticsearch to start automatically:

   sudo /bin/systemctl daemon-reload

```
iwcdev@iwcdev:~$ sudo /bin/systemctl daemon-reload
[sudo] password for iwcdev:
iwcdev@iwcdev:~$
```

6. **Run** the following command to enable the elasticsearch.service:

   sudo /bin/systemctl enable elasticsearch.service

```
iwcdev@iwcdev:~$ sudo /bin/systemctl enable elasticsearch.service
Synchronizing state of elasticsearch.service with SysV service script with /lib/systemd/
systemd-sysv-install.
Executing: /lib/systemd/systemd-sysv-install enable elasticsearch
Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/elasticsearch.service → /lib
/systemd/system/elasticsearch.service.
```

7. **Run** the following command to start the Elasticsearch service:

   sudo systemctl start elasticsearch.service

```
iwcdev@iwcdev:~$ sudo systemctl start elasticsearch.service
[sudo] password for iwcdev:
```

   Note: Elasticsearch does not provide feedback once the service is started. To see whether the service has successfully started you need to look at the log files in the /var/log/elasticsearch/ folder. By default, Elasticsearch doesn't log info in the system journal, so we need to enable it. Perform the following steps to enable **journalctl** logging:

Enable journalctl Logging

1. **Run** the following command to switch to Super User and **enter** the SU password:

   sudo su

```
iwcdev@iwcdev:/etc/apt/sources.list.d$ sudo su
root@iwcdev:/etc/apt/sources.list.d#
```

2. **Change Directory** to the /lib/systemd/system/ folder:

   cd /lib/systemd/system/

```
root@iwcdev:/etc/apt/sources.list.d# cd /lib/systemd/system/
root@iwcdev:/lib/systemd/system#
```

3. **Run** the following command to edit the elasticsearch.service file:

   nano elasticsearch.service

```
root@iwcdev:/lib/systemd/system# nano elasticsearch.service
root@iwcdev:/lib/systemd/system#
```

4. **Run** the following command to change directory to /lib/system/system:

   cd /lib/systemd/system

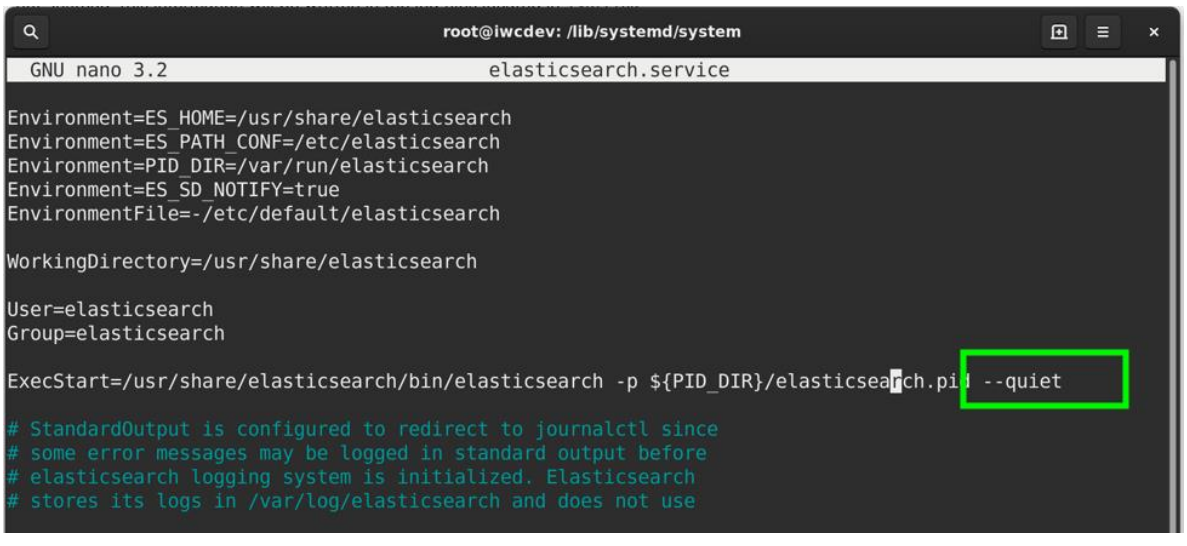
```
root@iwcdev:/lib/systemd/system# cd /lib/systemd/system
```

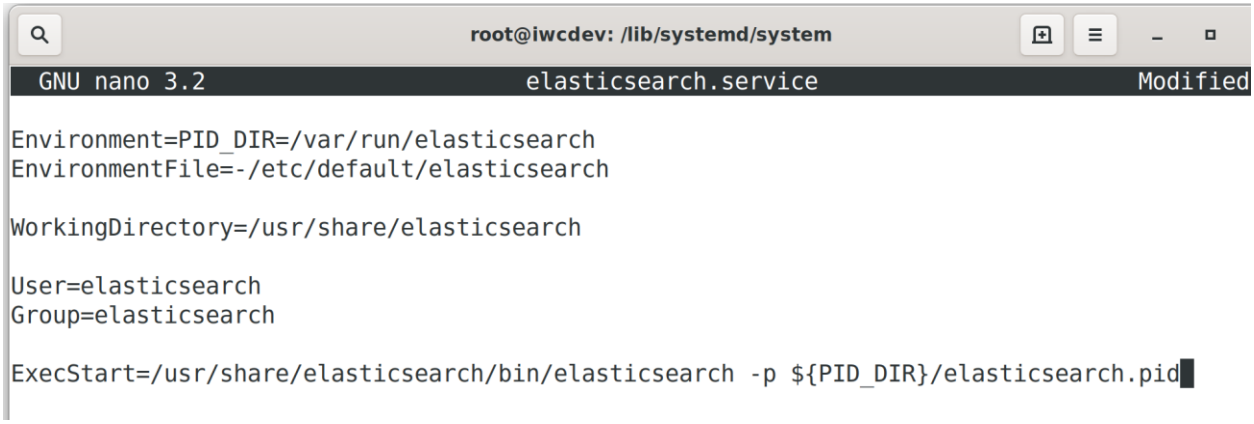
5. **Run** the following command to edit the elasticsearch.service file:

   nano elasticsearch.service

```
root@iwcdev:/lib/systemd/system# nano elasticsearch.service
```

6. **Remove** the **--quiet** option from the ExecStart setting in the elasticsearch.service file. Below I have removed it, your file should look the same.





7. **Run** the following commands to save, and exit the file:

   press "ctrl and X"
   press "Y"

   NOTE: DO NOT CHANGE THE FILE NAME.

   press "Return"

8. Go back through steps 5 through 7 of the Elasticsearch install section and then **run** this command to see if the service started:

   sudo journalctl --unit elasticsearch

```
root@iwcdev:/lib/systemd/system# sudo journalctl --unit elasticsearch
```

   NOTE: you should see an output similar to this.

```
Aug 31 13:27:46 iwcdev systemd[1]: Started Elasticsearch.
Aug 31 13:27:46 iwcdev elasticsearch[4447]: OpenJDK 64-Bit Server VM warning: Option UseConcMarkS
Aug 31 14:11:24 iwcdev systemd[1]: Stopping Elasticsearch...
Aug 31 14:11:24 iwcdev systemd[1]: elasticsearch.service: Succeeded.
Aug 31 14:11:24 iwcdev systemd[1]: Stopped Elasticsearch.
Aug 31 14:11:24 iwcdev systemd[1]: Started Elasticsearch.
Aug 31 14:11:25 iwcdev elasticsearch[5010]: OpenJDK 64-Bit Server VM warning: Option UseConcMarkS
Aug 31 14:11:43 iwcdev systemd[1]: elasticsearch.service: Current command vanished from the unit
```

   NOTE: If you want to see if the service has been started since a specific timeframe you can perform the following command.

   sudo journalctl --unit elasticsearch --since "2019-08-31 14:19:16"

```
root@iwcdev:/lib/systemd/system# sudo journalctl --unit elasticsearch --since "
2019-10-31 20:20:20"
-- Logs begin at Sat 2019-08-24 11:52:34 EDT, end at Mon 2019-10-07 22:23:29 ED
-- No entries --
lines 1-2/2 (END)
```

   NOTE: There are other cli options, just use the "man journalctl" command to view them.

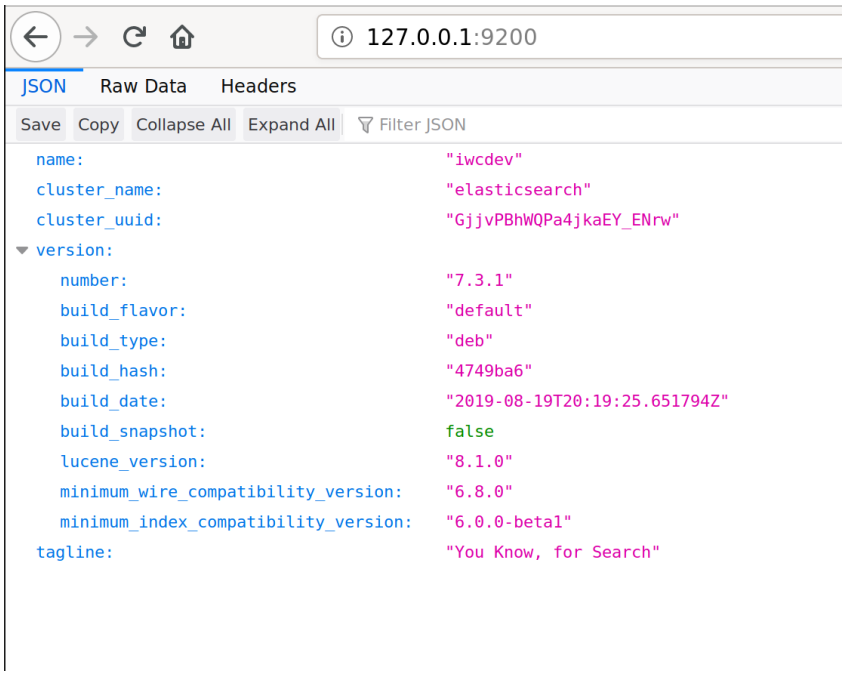
9. To check that the Elasticsearch program is running use the following command:

curl -X GET 'localhost:9200/?pretty'
or
curl -X GET "localhost:9200/?pretty"
or
curl 127.0.0.1:9200

NOTE: You should get a similar output to the following. I tried multiple ways and sometimes using single quotes will work, but not dual quotes and vice versa.

```
root@iwcdev:/lib/systemd/system# curl -X GET "localhost:9200/?pretty"
{
  "name" : "iwcdev",
  "cluster_name" : "elasticsearch",
  "cluster_uuid" : "GjjvPBhWQPa4jkaEY_ENrw",
  "version" : {
    "number" : "7.3.1",
    "build_flavor" : "default",
    "build_type" : "deb",
    "build_hash" : "4749ba6",
    "build_date" : "2019-08-19T20:19:25.651794Z",
    "build_snapshot" : false,
    "lucene_version" : "8.1.0",
    "minimum_wire_compatibility_version" : "6.8.0",
    "minimum_index_compatibility_version" : "6.0.0-beta1"
  },
  "tagline" : "You Know, for Search"
}
root@iwcdev:/lib/systemd/system#
```

Note: you can also enter the following address in your web browser to see if Elasticsearch is running: 127.0.0.1:9200. You should see an output similar to the following:



10. **Run** following command will also show if Elasticsearch is running:

systemctl status elasticsearch

```
root@iwcdev:/lib/systemd/system# systemctl status elasticsearch
● elasticsearch.service - Elasticsearch
   Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/elasticsearch.service; enabled; vendor preset: enabled)
   Active: active (running) since Sat 2019-08-31 14:11:24 UTC; 24min ago
     Docs: http://www.elastic.co
 Main PID: 5010 (java)
    Tasks: 50 (limit: 4642)
   Memory: 1.2G
   CGroup: /system.slice/elasticsearch.service
           ├─5010 /usr/share/elasticsearch/jdk/bin/java -Xms1g -Xmx1g -XX:+UseConcMarkSweepGC -X
           └─5122 /usr/share/elasticsearch/modules/x-pack-ml/platform/linux-x86_64/bin/controlle

Aug 31 14:11:24 iwcdev systemd[1]: Started Elasticsearch.
Aug 31 14:11:25 iwcdev elasticsearch[5010]: OpenJDK 64-Bit Server VM warning: Option UseConcMark
Aug 31 14:11:43 iwcdev systemd[1]: elasticsearch.service: Current command vanished from the unit
```

Install Open JDK

1. **Run** the following command to make sure your repository package lists are up to date:

   apt-get update -y

```
root@iwcdev:/lib/systemd/system# apt-get update -y
Hit:1 http://es.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu disco InRelease
Get:2 http://es.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu disco-updates InRelease [97.5 kB]
Hit:3 https://artifacts.elastic.co/packages/7.x/apt stable InRelease
Get:4 http://es.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu disco-backports InRelease [88.8 kB]
Get:5 http://es.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu disco-security InRelease [97.5 kB]
Reading package lists... Done
E: Release file for http://es.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/dists/disco-updates/InRelease is not vali
d yet (invalid for another 30min 34s). Updates for this repository will not be applied.
E: Release file for http://es.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/dists/disco-backports/InRelease is not va
lid yet (invalid for another 30min 56s). Updates for this repository will not be applied.
E: Release file for http://es.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/dists/disco-security/InRelease is not val
id yet (invalid for another 30min 20s). Updates for this repository will not be applied.
```

2. **Run** the following command to install openjdk-11-jdk:

   apt install openjdk-8-jdk

```
root@iwcdev:/lib/systemd/system# apt install openjdk-8-jdk
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following additional packages will be installed:
  ca-certificates-java fonts-dejavu-extra java-common libatk-wrapper-java
  libatk-wrapper-java-jni libgail-common libgail18 libgtk2.0-0 libgtk2.0-bin libgtk2.0-common
  libice-dev libpthread-stubs0-dev libsm-dev libx11-dev libxau-dev libxcb1-dev libxdmcp-dev
  libxt-dev openjdk-8-jdk-headless openjdk-8-jre openjdk-8-jre-headless x11proto-core-dev
  x11proto-dev xorg-sgml-doctools xtrans-dev
Suggested packages:
  default-jre libice-doc libsm-doc libx11-doc libxcb-doc libxt-doc openjdk-8-demo
```

3. **Run** the following command to ensure you have correctly installed openjdk:

   java -version

```
root@iwcdev:/lib/systemd/system# java -version
openjdk version "1.8.0_222"
OpenJDK Runtime Environment (build 1.8.0_222-8u222-b10-1ubuntu1~19.04.1-b10)
OpenJDK 64-Bit Server VM (build 25.222-b10, mixed mode)
root@iwcdev:/lib/systemd/system#
```

Install Logstash

Before installing Logstash you need to make sure you have a version of Java 8, 11, or OpenJDK. In the previous steps we installed OpenJDK to meet these requirements. You always want to make sure that your Advanced Packaging Tool (APT) is up to date with the current Elastic repository listing, but we already did that at the beginning of this walk through for Elasticsearch. If you decide that you want to user other addons later, you can only use the current version that matches your Elasticsearch build.

The APT is a utility used in terminal to manage software for Debian based Linux distributions for using dpkg packing system. Likewise, it works with core libraries to facilitate the installation and removal of software.

1. **Run** the following command to install logstash:
   sudo apt-get update && sudo apt-get install logstash

```
iwcdev@iwcdev:~/Downloads$ sudo apt-get update && sudo apt-get install logstash
Hit:1 http://es.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu disco InRelease
Hit:2 https://artifacts.elastic.co/packages/7.x/apt stable InRelease
Get:3 http://es.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu disco-updates InRelease [97.5 kB]
Get:4 http://es.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu disco-backports InRelease [88.8 kB]
Get:5 http://es.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu disco-security InRelease [97.5 kB]
Get:6 http://es.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu disco-updates/universe amd64 Packages [295 kB]
Fetched 295 kB in 1s (275 kB/s)
Reading package lists... Done
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
```

   Note: Logstash does not start on its own as a service after installation. Logstash places the system files in the /etc/system/system folder for Debian.

Starting the Logstash service

1. **Run** the following command to start the logstash service:

   sudo systemctl start logstash.service

```
iwcdev@iwcdev:~/Downloads$ sudo systemctl start logstash.service
iwcdev@iwcdev:~/Downloads$
```

2. **Check** to see that logstash.service is running using the following command:

   systemctl status logstash.service

```
iwcdev@iwcdev:~/Downloads$ systemctl status logstash.service
● logstash.service - logstash
   Loaded: loaded (/etc/systemd/system/logstash.service; disabled; vendor preset: enabled)
   Active: active (running) since Sat 2019-08-31 16:59:57 UTC; 7s ago
 Main PID: 10576 (java)
    Tasks: 14 (limit: 4642)
   Memory: 391.3M
   CGroup: /system.slice/logstash.service
           └─10576 /bin/java -Xms1g -Xmx1g -XX:+UseConcMarkSweepGC -XX:CMSInitiatingOccupancyF

Aug 31 16:59:57 iwcdev systemd[1]: Started logstash.
lines 1-10/10 (END)
```

3. **Run** the following command to change directory to /usr/share/logstash:

   cd /usr/share/logstash

```
iwcdev@iwcdev:~$ cd /usr/share/logstash
```

4. **Run** the following to stop logstash services:

   systemctl stop logstash

```
iwcdev@iwcdev:/usr/share/logstash$ systemctl stop logstash
```

5. **Run** the following command to set the path for logstash and start Logstash:

   sudo bin/logstash -f /etc/logstash/conf.d/ --path.settings /etc/logstash/

```
iwcdev@iwcdev:/usr/share/logstash$ sudo bin/logstash -f /etc/logstash/conf.d/ --
path.settings /etc/logstash/
Thread.exclusive is deprecated, use Thread::Mutex
Sending Logstash logs to /var/log/logstash which is now configured via log4j2.pr
operties
[2019-10-16T19:56:53,592][WARN ][logstash.config.source.multilocal] Ignoring the
 'pipelines.yml' file because modules or command line options are specified
[2019-10-16T19:56:53,600][INFO ][logstash.runner          ] Starting Logstash {"
logstash.version"=>"7.4.0"}
[2019-10-16T19:56:54,073][INFO ][logstash.config.source.local.configpathloader]
No config files found in path {:path=>"/etc/logstash/conf.d/*"}
[2019-10-16T19:56:54,078][ERROR][logstash.config.sourceloader] No configuration
found in the configured sources.
[2019-10-16T19:56:54,317][INFO ][logstash.agent           ] Successfully started
 Logstash API endpoint {:port=>9600}
[2019-10-16T19:56:59,414][INFO ][logstash.runner          ] Logstash shut down.
```

Note: The reason we started Logstash was to ensure it installed correctly. After starting the service, we stopped the service so that we could restart Logstash and set the path.

Install Kibana

Note: Ensure you are installing the same version of Kibana as your Elasticsearch installation.

1. **Run** the following command to ensure your APT is up to date and subsequently **install** Kibana.

   sudo apt-get update && sudo apt-get install kibana

```
iwcdev@iwcdev:~/Downloads$ sudo apt-get update && sudo apt-get install kibana
[sudo] password for iwcdev:
```

2. **Run** the following commands to ensure the Kibana service is enabled:

   sudo /bin/systemctl daemon-reload
   sudo /bin/systemctl enable kibana.service

```
iwcdev@iwcdev:~/Downloads$ sudo /bin/systemctl daemon-reload
[sudo] password for iwcdev:
iwcdev@iwcdev:~/Downloads$ sudo /bin/systemctl enable kibana.service
Synchronizing state of kibana.service with SysV service script with /lib/systemd/systemd-sysv-insta
ll.
Executing: /lib/systemd/systemd-sysv-install enable kibana
Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/kibana.service → /etc/systemd/system/ki
bana.service.
iwcdev@iwcdev:~/Downloads$
```

3. **Run** the following **2** commands to start the kibana.service, and check to make sure it is running:

   sudo systemctl start kibana.service
   sudo systemctl status kibana.service

```
iwcdev@iwcdev:~/Downloads$ sudo systemctl start kibana.service
iwcdev@iwcdev:~/Downloads$ sudo systemctl status kibana.service
● kibana.service - Kibana
   Loaded: loaded (/etc/systemd/system/kibana.service; enabled; vendor preset: enabled)
   Active: active (running) since Sat 2019-08-31 17:40:18 UTC; 10s ago
 Main PID: 19840 (node)
    Tasks: 11 (limit: 4642)
   Memory: 374.0M
   CGroup: /system.slice/kibana.service
           └─19840 /usr/share/kibana/bin/../node/bin/node --no-warnings --max-http-header-size=6553

Aug 31 17:40:18 iwcdev systemd[1]: Started Kibana.
Aug 31 17:40:19 iwcdev kibana[19840]: {"type":"log","@timestamp":"2019-08-31T17:40:19Z","tags":["in
Aug 31 17:40:19 iwcdev kibana[19840]: {"type":"log","@timestamp":"2019-08-31T17:40:19Z","tags":["in
Aug 31 17:40:19 iwcdev kibana[19840]: {"type":"log","@timestamp":"2019-08-31T17:40:19Z","tags":["in
lines 1-13/13 (END)
```

Installing Filebeat

1. **Run** the following command:

   sudo apt-get install filebeat -y

```
iwcdev@iwcdev:~$ sudo apt-get install filebeat
[sudo] password for iwcdev:
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following NEW packages will be installed:
  filebeat
```

2. **Run** the following command to configure Filebeat to run on startup:

   sudo update-rc.d filebeat defaults 95 10

```
iwcdev@iwcdev:~$ sudo update-rc.d filebeat defaults 95 10
iwcdev@iwcdev:~$
```

kibana

Post Install Configuration

Kibana Configuration

1. **Run** the following command to **Change Directory** into the /etc/kibana folder:

   cd /etc/kibana

   ```
   iwcdev@iwcdev:/usr/share/logstash$ cd /etc/kibana
   iwcdev@iwcdev:/etc/kibana$
   ```

2. **Run** the following command to switch to Super User and **enter** your SU password:

   sudo su

   ```
   iwcdev@iwcdev:/etc/kibana$ sudo su
   [sudo] password for iwcdev:
   root@iwcdev:/etc/kibana#
   ```

3. **Run** the following command to edit your kibana.yml:

   nano kibana.yml

   ```
   root@iwcdev:/etc/kibana# nano kibana.yml
   root@iwcdev:/etc/kibana#
   ```

4. **Edit** your kibana.yml file to look as follows (un-hash, or add the following lines):

   server.port: 5601
   server.host: "localhost"
   elasticsearch.host: [localhost:9200]

   Note: Refer to following screenshot. There is a lot of information within the kibana.yml file that is # hash marked out. Leave everything extra, or delete it, it doesn't matter. However, you need to have these three lines un-hashed.

```
# Kibana is served by a back end server. This setting specifies the port to use.
server.port: 5601

# Specifies the address to which the Kibana server will bind. IP addresses and ho$
# The default is 'localhost', which usually means remote machines will not be abl$
# To allow connections from remote users, set this parameter to a non-loopback ad$
server.host: "localhost"

# Enables you to specify a path to mount Kibana at if you are running behind a pr$
# Use the `server.rewriteBasePath` setting to tell Kibana if it should remove the$
# from requests it receives, and to prevent a deprecation warning at startup.
# This setting cannot end in a slash.
#server.basePath: ""

# Specifies whether Kibana should rewrite requests that are prefixed with
# `server.basePath` or require that they are rewritten by your reverse proxy.
# This setting was effectively always `false` before Kibana 6.3 and will
# default to `true` starting in Kibana 7.0.
#server.rewriteBasePath: false

# The maximum payload size in bytes for incoming server requests.
#server.maxPayloadBytes: 1048576

# The Kibana server's name.  This is used for display purposes.
#server.name: "your-hostname"

# The URLs of the Elasticsearch instances to use for all your queries.
elasticsearch.hosts: ["http://localhost:9200"]

# When this setting's value is true Kibana uses the hostname specified in the ser$
```

5. **Run** the following commands to save, and exit the file:

   press “ctrl and X”
   press “Y”

   NOTE: DO NOT CHANGE THE FILE NAME

   press “Return”

   Note: Enter your password if required. It didn’t require me to enter my password because I was already SU.

Elasticsearch Configuration

11. **Run** the following command to change directory to /etc/elasticsearch:

    cd /etc/elasticsearch

```
root@iwcdev:/etc/kibana# cd /etc/elasticsearch
root@iwcdev:/etc/elasticsearch#
```

12. **Run** the following command to edit the elastisticsearch.yml:

nano elasticsearch.yml

```
root@iwcdev:/etc/elasticsearch# nano elasticsearch.yml
root@iwcdev:/etc/elasticsearch#
```

13. Ensure the following commands are un-hashed within your elasticsearch.yml:

path.data: /var/lib/elasticsearch
path.logs: /var/log/elasticsearch
network.host: localhost
http.port: 9200

Note: There is a lot of data within the elasticsearch.yml file, and it is hashed out just like the Kibana file. In my setup the whole file is hashed out besides the information above. See the example below.

```
# ---------------------------------- Paths ------------------------------------
#
# Path to directory where to store the data (separate multiple locations by comma$
#
path.data: /var/lib/elasticsearch
#
# Path to log files:
#
path.logs: /var/log/elasticsearch
#
# ---------------------------------- Memory -----------------------------------
#
# Lock the memory on startup:
#
#bootstrap.memory_lock: true
#
# Make sure that the heap size is set to about half the memory available
# on the system and that the owner of the process is allowed to use this
# limit.
#
# Elasticsearch performs poorly when the system is swapping the memory.
#
# ---------------------------------- Network -----------------------------------
#
# Set the bind address to a specific IP (IPv4 or IPv6):
#
network.host: localhost
#
# Set a custom port for HTTP:
#
http.port: 9200
```

14. **Run** the following commands to save, and exit the file:

press “ctrl and X”

press “Y”

NOTE: DO NOT CHANGE THE FILE NAME.

press “Return”

Note: Enter your password if required. It didn’t require me to enter my password because I was already SU.

Filebeat Configuration

Note: If you want to use Logstash to ingest files into the Logstash pipeline skip down to the alternative method. However, there may be steps you will need to use from this section, so you will need to refer back to this section for all steps not pointed out in the alternate method. I would recommend reading through this section even if you plan to use the alternate method.

1. **Run** the following command to change directory to /etc/filebeat/

   cd /etc/filebeat/

```
root@iwcdev:/etc/elasticsearch# cd /etc/filebeat/
root@iwcdev:/etc/filebeat#
```

2. **Run** the following command to enable Filebeat:

   systemctl enable filebeat

```
root@iwcdev:/etc/filebeat# systemctl enable filebeat
Synchronizing state of filebeat.service with SysV service script with /lib/systemd/syste
md-sysv-install.
Executing: /lib/systemd/systemd-sysv-install enable filebeat
root@iwcdev:/etc/filebeat#
```

3. **Run** the following command to edit the filebeat.yml:

   nano filebeat.yml

```
root@iwcdev:/etc/filebeat# nano filebeat.yml
root@iwcdev:/etc/filebeat#
```

4. **Input** the following settings into the filebeat.yml file but ensure that you follow the correct syntax when entering the information. Your Zeek (Bro) path needs to be set to where your Zeek (Bro) logs are located; if you followed part 1 of the PF_RING Zeek (Bro) IDS configuration you will use the same path I have here. Remember that YML is sensitive to formatting errors and it has to have the correct spacing:

```
filebeat.inputs:

- type: log
  enabled: false
  paths:
    - /opt/zeek/logs/current/*.log

name: zeek-beat

tags: ["zeek"]

filebeat.config.modules:

  path: ${path.config}/modules.d/*.yml

setup.kibana:

setup.dashboards.enabled: true
setup.dashboards.directory: ${path.home}/kibana
setup.dashboards.beat: filebeat

output.elasticsearch:

  hosts: ["localhost:9200"]
```

Note: Pay attention to the spacing, if the filebeat index isn't working correctly in kibana, it could be due to spacing issues. Refer to the filebeat.reference.yml file within the /etc/filebeat folder for a look at the example settings, and the syntax for each setting.

```
#############  Filebeat Configuration Example ###############
#==================  Filebeat inputs =============
filebeat.inputs:
# Each - is an input. Most options can be set at the input level, so
# you can use different inputs for various configurations.
# Below are the input specific configurations.
- type: log
      # Change to true to enable this input configuration.
  enabled: false
      # Paths that should be crawled and fetched. Glob based paths.
  paths:
    - /opt/zeek/logs/current/*.log
    #==================  General =============
    # The name of the shipper that publishes the network data. It can be used to
    # all the transactions sent by a single shipper in the web interface.
name: zeek-beat
    # The tags of the shipper are included in their own field with each
    # transaction published.
tags: ["zeek"]
    # Optional fields that you can specify to add additional information to the
    # output.
    #fields:
    #  env: staging
filebeat.config.modules:
  path: ${path.config}/modules.d/*.yml
    #may need to remove the kibana line not sure...
setup.kibana:
  host: "localhost:5601"
setup.dashboards.enabled: true
setup.dashboards.directory: ${path.home}/kibana
setup.dashboards.beat: filebeat
    .
#==================  Outputs =============
    #------------------  Logstash output -----
output.elasticsearch:
      # The Logstash hosts
  hosts: ["localhost:9200"]
#  pipeline: geoip-info
      # Optional SSL. By default is off.
      # List of root certificates for HTTPS server verifications
      #ssl.certificate_authorities: ["/etc/pki/root/ca.pem"]
      # Certificate for SSL client authentication
      #ssl.certificate: "/etc/filebeat/ssl/logstash.crt"
      # Client Certificate Key
      #ssl.key: "/etc/pki/client/cert.key"
```

Note: The update from 7.3.1 to 7.4 changed a few things in the filebeat.yml file; it contains some things 7.3.1 did not have. For people using the new version this is a good thing because it takes away a lot of the research needed to set up Filebeat from scratch. I would manually adjust the file to contain the information I have loaded. I tried to copy and paste it directly, and sometimes it works and other times it doesn't. This happens sometimes even on a mirrored install I used to check the walk-through on. For anyone that's used open source software they will be familiar with these issues. With that being said, double check everything if you're having issues.

5. **Run** the following command to change to the modules.d directory:

   cd modules.d

```
root@iwcdev:/etc/filebeat# cd modules.d
root@iwcdev:/etc/filebeat/modules.d#
```

   Note: if you run the **ls** (list) command in the module.d folder you can see all the modules that are available for Filebeat. See the following picture for an example:

```
root@iwcdev:/etc/filebeat/modules.d# ls
apache.yml.disabled         iptables.yml.disabled  osquery.yml.disabled
auditd.yml.disabled         kafka.yml.disabled     panw.yml.disabled
cisco.yml.disabled          kibana.yml.disabled    postgresql.yml.disabled
coredns.yml.disabled        logstash.yml.disabled  rabbitmq.yml.disabled
elasticsearch.yml.disabled  mongodb.yml.disabled   redis.yml.disabled
envoyproxy.yml.disabled     mssql.yml.disabled     santa.yml.disabled
googlecloud.yml.disabled    mysql.yml.disabled     suricata.yml.disabled
haproxy.yml.disabled        nats.yml.disabled      system.yml.disabled
icinga.yml.disabled         netflow.yml.disabled   traefik.yml.disabled
iis.yml.disabled            nginx.yml.disabled     zeek.yml.disabled
root@iwcdev:/etc/filebeat/modules.d#
```

6. **Run** the following command to enable the Zeek (Bro) module:

   filebeat modules enable zeek

```
root@iwcdev:/etc/filebeat/modules.d# filebeat modules enable zeek
Enabled zeek
root@iwcdev:/etc/filebeat/modules.d#
```

7. **Run** the following command to edit the zeek.yml:

   nano zeek.yml

```
root@iwcdev:/etc/filebeat/modules.d# nano zeek.yml
root@iwcdev:/etc/filebeat/modules.d#
```

8. **Input** the following information:

```
- module: zeek
  connection:
    enabled: true
    var.paths: ["/opt/zeek/logs/current/conn.log"]
  dns:
    enabled: true
    var.paths: ["/opt/zeek/logs/current/dns.log"]
  http:
    enabled: true
    var.paths: ["/opt/zeek/logs/current/http.log"]
  files:
```

enabled: true
var.paths: [“/opt/zeek/logs/current/files.log”]
ssl:
enabled: true
var.paths: [“/opt/zeek/logs/current/ssl.log”]
notice:
enabled: true
var.paths: [“/opt/zeek/logs/current/notice.log”]

Note: You need to put the path to your Zeek (Bro) logs and if you don’t want to view or monitor a specific type of log you can set the enabled command to false.

```
# Module: zeek
# Docs: https://www.elastic.co/guide/en/beats/filebeat/7.3/filebeat-module-zeek.h

- module: zeek
  # All logs
  connection:
    enabled: true
    var.paths: ["/opt/zeek/logs/current/conn.log"]
  dns:
    enabled: true
    var.paths: ["/opt/zeek/logs/current/dns.log"]
  http:
    enabled: true
    var.paths: ["/opt/zeek/logs/current/http.log"]
  files:
    enabled: true
    var.paths: ["/opt/zeek/logs/current/files.log"]
  ssl:
    enabled: true
    var.paths: ["/opt/zeek/logs/current/ssl.log"]
  notice:
    enabled: true
    var.paths: ["/opt/zeek/logs/current/notice.log"]
    # Set custom paths for the log files. If left empty,
    # Filebeat will choose the paths depending on your OS.
    #var.paths:
```

9. **Run** the following commands to save, and exit the file:

press “ctrl and X”
press “Y”

NOTE: DO NOT CHANGE THE FILE NAME.

press “Return”

Zeek (Bro) Configuration

1. **Run** the following command to go to the directory used to edit the output for Zeek (Bro) to configure it to use JSON:

   cd /opt/zeek/share/zeek/base/frameworks/logging/writers

   ```
   root@iwcdev:/etc/filebeat# cd /opt/zeek/share/zeek/base/frameworks/logging/writers
   ```

2. **Run** the following command to edit the ascii.zeek file:

   nano ascii.zeek

   ```
   root@iwcdev:/opt/zeek/share/zeek/base/frameworks/logging/writers# nano ascii.zeek
   ```

3. **Edit** the following line:

   const use_json = T &redef;

   Note: This may already be set, if so disregard, but if it has an F, then change it to T.

   ```
   module LogAscii;

   export {
           ## If true, output everything to stdout rather than
           ## into files. This is primarily for debugging purposes.
           ##
           ## This option is also available as a per-filter ``$config`` option.
           const output_to_stdout = F &redef;

           ## If true, the default will be to write logs in a JSON format.
           ##
           ## This option is also available as a per-filter ``$config`` option.
           const use_json = T &redef;
   ```

4. **Run** the following commands to save, and exit the file:

   press “ctrl and X”
   press “Y”

   NOTE: DO NOT CHANGE THE FILE NAME.

   press “Return”

5. **Run** the following command to change directory to the site folder, ensure you use your $PREFIX/share/zeek/site/:

   cd /opt/zeek/share/zeek/site

   Note: My prefix is /opt/zeek for my zeek folder.

```
root@iwcdev:/opt/zeek/share# cd /opt/zeek/share/zeek/site/
```

6. **Run** the following command to edit the local.zeek file to enable JSON output:

   nano local.zeek

```
root@iwcdev:/opt/zeek/share/zeek/site# nano local.zeek
```

7. **Input** the following information into the file and replace **@load tuning/defaults** with these lines:

   @load tuning/json-logs
   redef LogAscii::json_timestamps = JSON: :TS_EPOCH;
   redef LogAscii::use_json = T;

   Note: Make sure you are using the EPOCH timestamp output if you are not already. This is a lesson I learned the hard way because I thought the module would work with any Zeek (Bro) output, but the Kibana Module will not be able to parse GeoIP locations without having the time formatted with EPOCH. Like I stated before, Elastic is very sensitive to having the correct settings.

Before:

```
# This script logs which scripts were loaded during each run.
@load misc/loaded-scripts

# Apply the default tuning scripts for common tuning settings.
@load tuning/defaults

# Estimate and log capture loss.
@load misc/capture-loss

# Enable logging of memory, packet and lag statistics.
@load misc/stats
```

After:

```
##! Local site policy. Customize as appropriate.
##!
##! This file will not be overwritten when upgrading or reinstalling!

# This script logs which scripts were loaded during each run.
@load misc/loaded-scripts

# Apply the default tuning scripts for common tuning settings.
#@load tuning/defaults  ##ADDED THE FOLLOWING 3 LINES
@load tuning/json-logs
redef LogAscii::json_timestamps = JSON::TS_EPOCH;
redef LogAscii::use_json = T;
# Estimate and log capture loss.
@load misc/capture-loss

# Enable logging of memory, packet and lag statistics.
@load misc/stats
```

8. **Run** the following commands to save, and exit the file:
   press "ctrl and X"
   press "Y"

   NOTE: DO NOT CHANGE THE FILE NAME.

   press "Return"

Using ELK Stack with Zeek (Bro) IDS

Before we start, we need to ensure that all of the services are currently running. Also, ensure that Zeek (Bro) is running and generating logs.

Note: Refer to the Zeek (Bro) installation to start up Zeek (Bro) if you haven't already done so.

1. **Run** the following commands to restart all of the services for Elasticsearch, Kibana, and Filebeat to ensure all of our changes took effect:

   systemctl restart elasticsearch
   systemctl restart kibana
   systemctl restart filebeat

```
root@iwcdev:/etc/filebeat# systemctl restart elasticsearch
root@iwcdev:/etc/filebeat# systemctl restart kibana
root@iwcdev:/etc/filebeat# systemctl restart filebeat
```

2. **Run** the following commands to see if the services are working:

   systemctl status filebeat
   systemctl status elasticsearch
   systemctl status kibana

   Note: You should see an output similar to the picture below for all three services, but you need to ensure it says active like it shows below. If it does not, read the parse error and/or go to /var/log/filebeat/filebeat.log, or the /var/log/message log and see what the log says. These files are really sensitive so any space, or if anything is out of place and the program can fail. I just want to note that some areas of the files use quotes, the type of quote can cause it fail with dual quotes, but not single and vice versa. Also, some places you can remove quotes all together. I have not found a reason that I can identify that causes this, because I've literally had to do it different ways after walking through this install multiple times and even repeating the steps.

```
root@iwcdev:/etc/filebeat# systemctl status filebeat
● filebeat.service - Filebeat sends log files to Logstash or dir
   Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/filebeat.service; enablec
   Active: active (running) since Mon 2019-10-07 22:31:27 EDT; 3
     Docs: https://www.elastic.co/products/beats/filebeat
 Main PID: 7411 (filebeat)
```

The following picture shows what it will look like if the service has failed. These modules fail sometimes for many reasons, always check the statuses and restart them if they are failed.

```
● filebeat.service - Filebeat sends log files to
   Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/filebeat.s
   Active: failed (Result: exit-code) since Mon 2
     Docs: https://www.elastic.co/products/beats/
 Main PID: 7137 (code=exited, status=1/FAILURE)
```

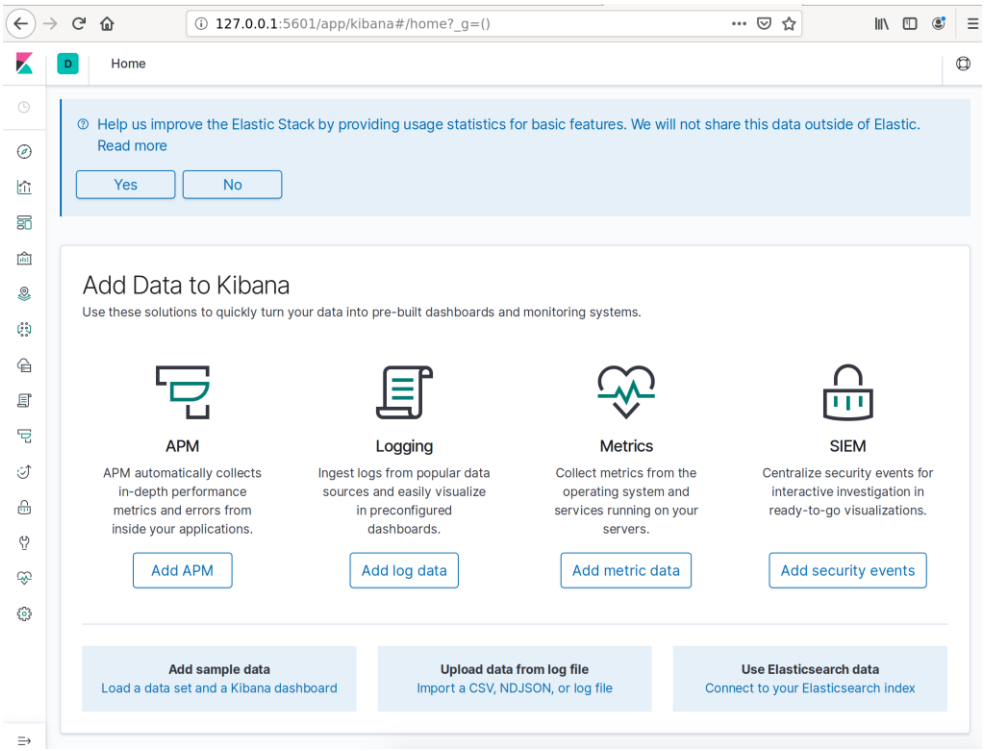
3. To **view** Kibana, open your web browser and **enter** to the following address:

   127.0.0.1:5601

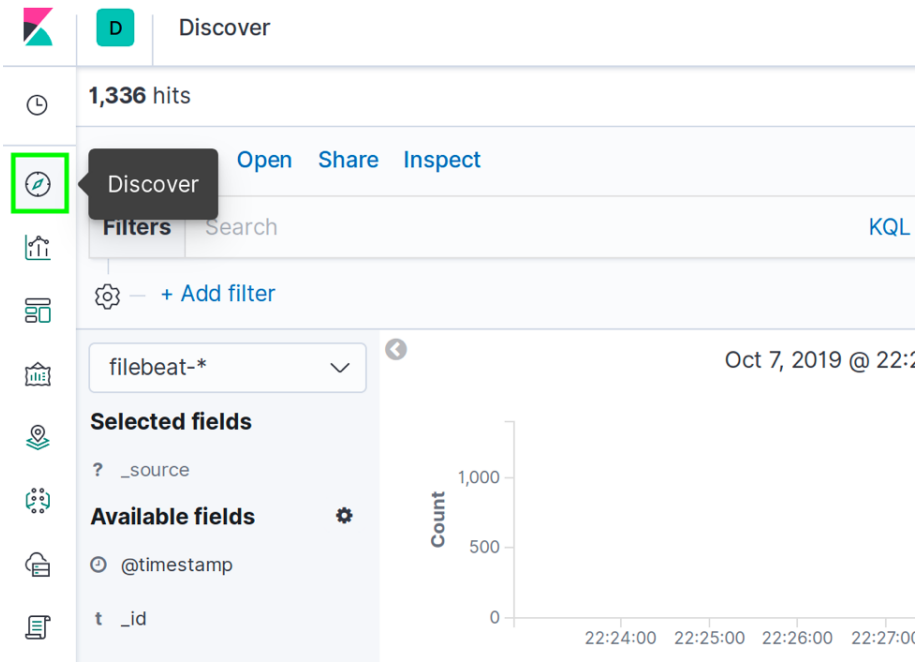
   or

   localhost:5601

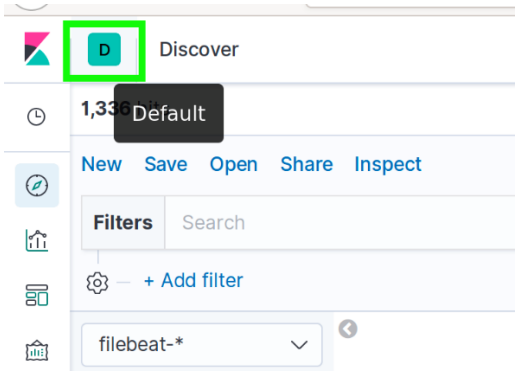
You will then be redirected to the main page of Kibana.


127.0.0.1:5601/app/kibana#/home?_g=()
Home
Help us improve the Elastic Stack by providing usage statistics for basic features. We will not share this data outside of Elastic.
Read more
Yes
No
Add Data to Kibana
Use these solutions to quickly turn your data into pre-built dashboards and monitoring systems.
APM
APM automatically collects in-depth performance metrics and errors from inside your applications.
Add APM
Logging
Ingest logs from popular data sources and easily visualize in preconfigured dashboards.
Add log data
Metrics
Collect metrics from the operating system and services running on your servers.
Add metric data
SIEM
Centralize security events for interactive investigation in ready-to-go visualizations.
Add security events
Add sample data
Load a data set and a Kibana dashboard
Upload data from log file
Import a CSV, NDJSON, or log file
Use Elasticsearch data
Connect to your Elasticsearch index

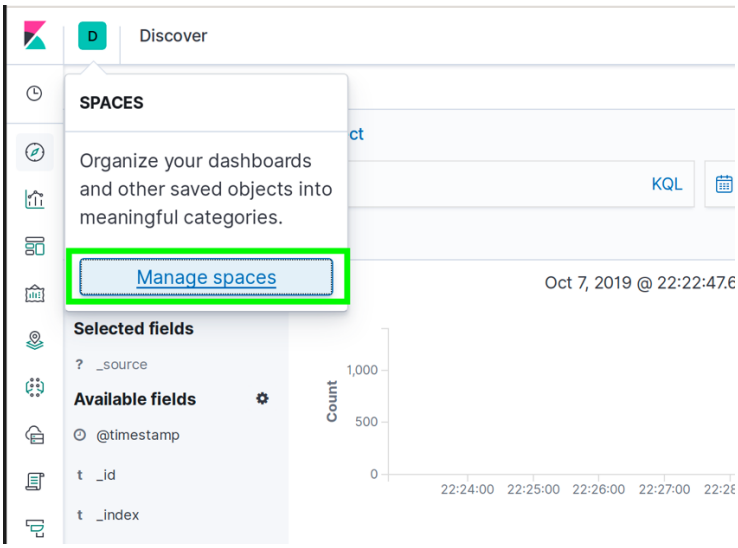
4. **Click** the **discover** icon on the top left of the Kibana page:



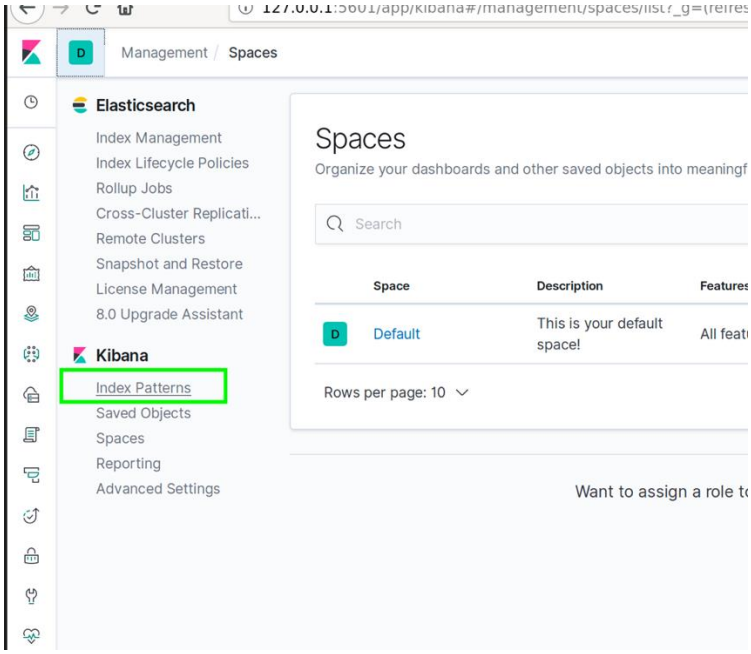
5. **Click** the **Default** icon in the top left:



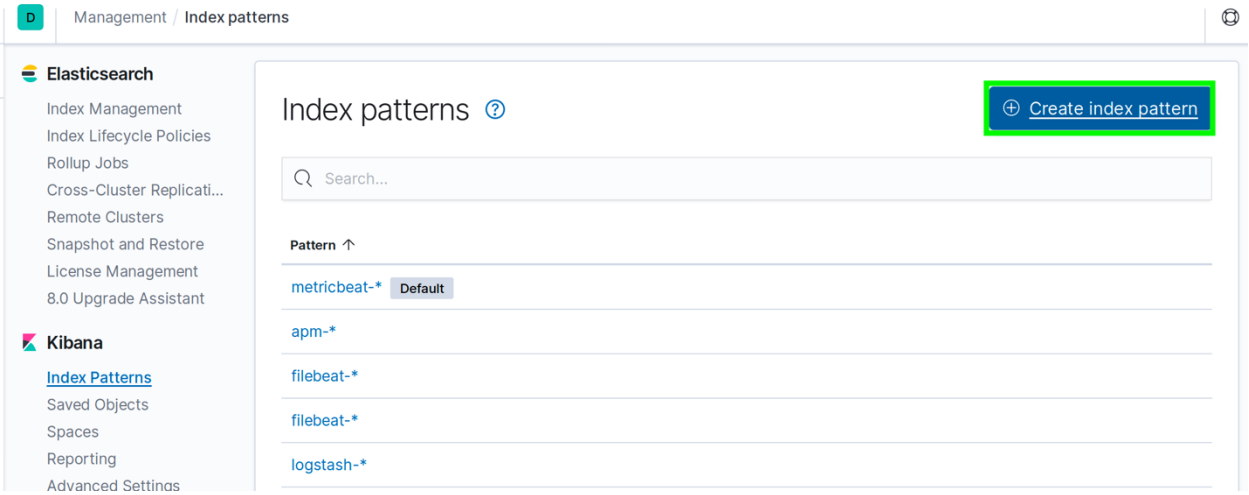
6. **Click** the **Manage spaces** link:



7. **Click** the **Index Patterns** icon:



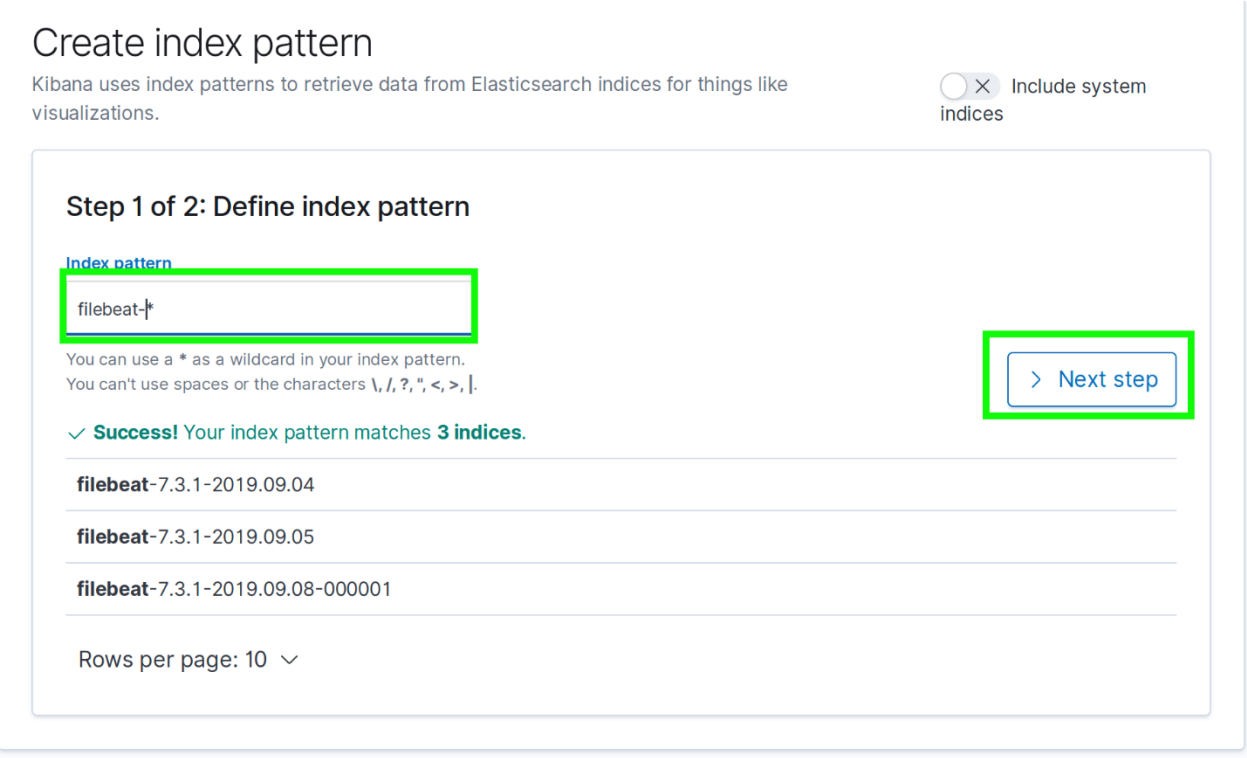
8. **Click** the **Create index pattern** icon:



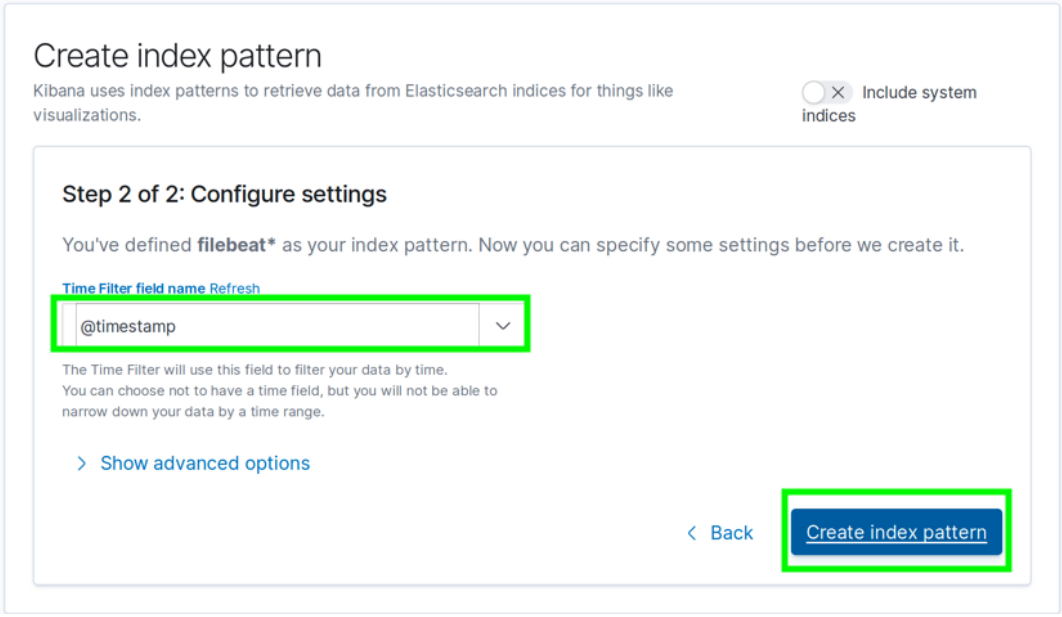
9. **Type** filebeat-* and **click** the **Next Step** icon (If Fillebeat is already there, just move on to the Zeek (Bro) configuration steps next):

   Note: You need to run Zeek (Bro) so that it generates logs for this part to work. Notice, I have 3 different sets of logs there from different days. This was because I have already configured the module during the write up and ran Zeek (Bro) to send logs to Elasticsearch via Filebeat.

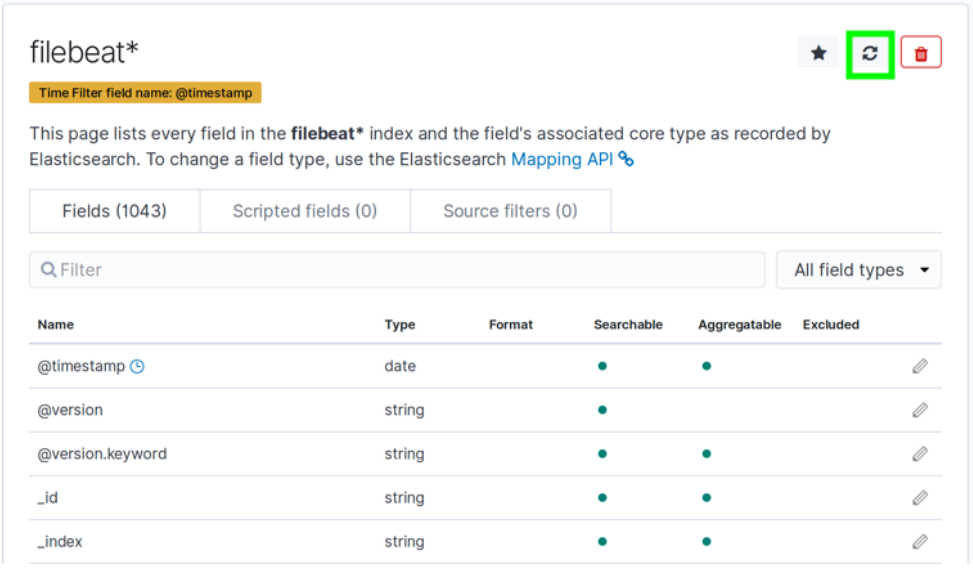
   Note: Ensure you use filebeat-* or the Zeek (Bro) module will not know where to pull data from.


Create index pattern
Kibana uses index patterns to retrieve data from Elasticsearch indices for things like visualizations.
Include system indices
Step 1 of 2: Define index pattern
Index pattern
filebeat-*
You can use a * as a wildcard in your index pattern.
You can't use spaces or the characters \, /, ?, ", <, >, |.
Next step
Success! Your index pattern matches 3 indices.
filebeat-7.3.1-2019.09.04
filebeat-7.3.1-2019.09.05
filebeat-7.3.1-2019.09.08-000001
Rows per page: 10

10. **Select @timestamp** from the drop down, and **click Create index pattern**:


Create index pattern
Kibana uses index patterns to retrieve data from Elasticsearch indices for things like visualizations.
Include system indices
Step 2 of 2: Configure settings
You've defined filebeat* as your index pattern. Now you can specify some settings before we create it.
Time Filter field name Refresh
@timestamp
The Time Filter will use this field to filter your data by time.
You can choose not to have a time field, but you will not be able to narrow down your data by a time range.
Show advanced options
Back
Create index pattern

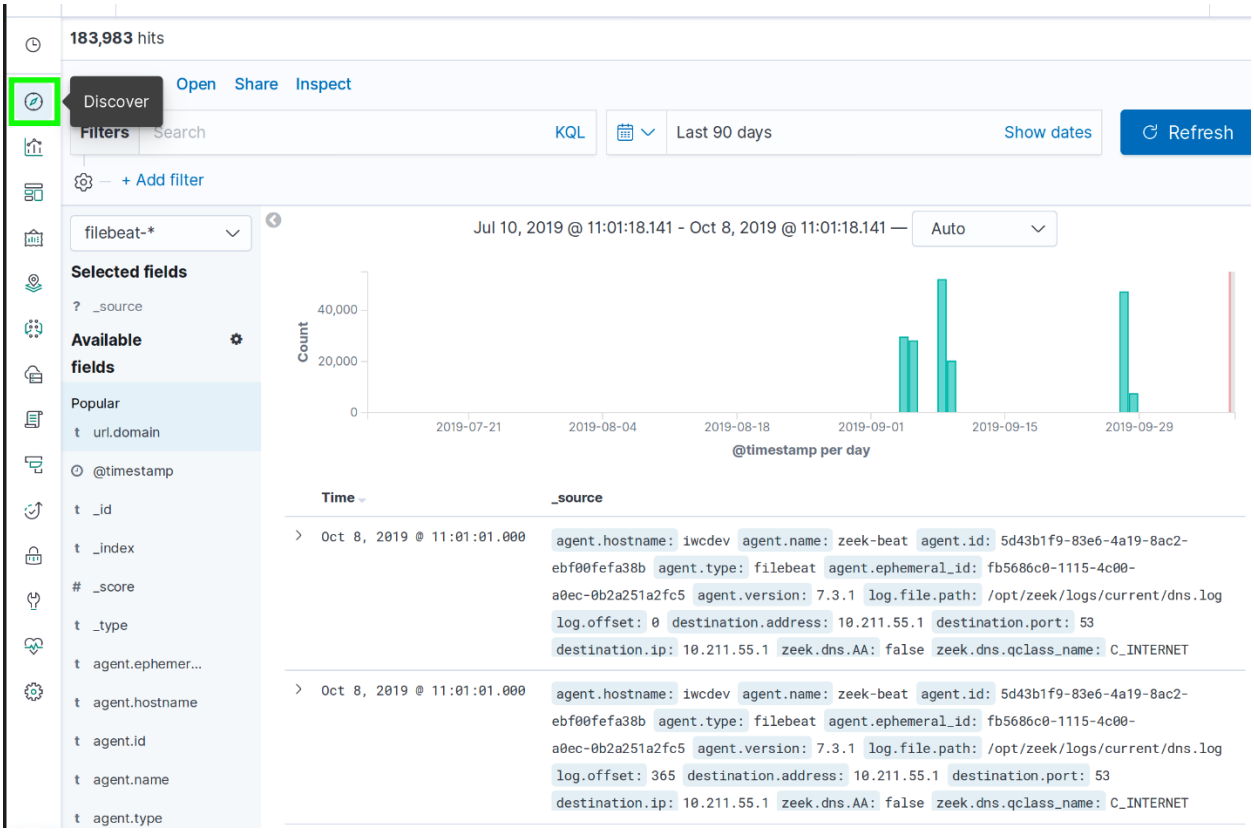
11. **Click** the **Refresh** icon so that all the fields coming in from Zeek (Bro) are properly identified in Kibana.



Note: You can always go back and do this if there are exclamation point icons showing by the fields when viewing the log entry in the Discover section of Kibana.

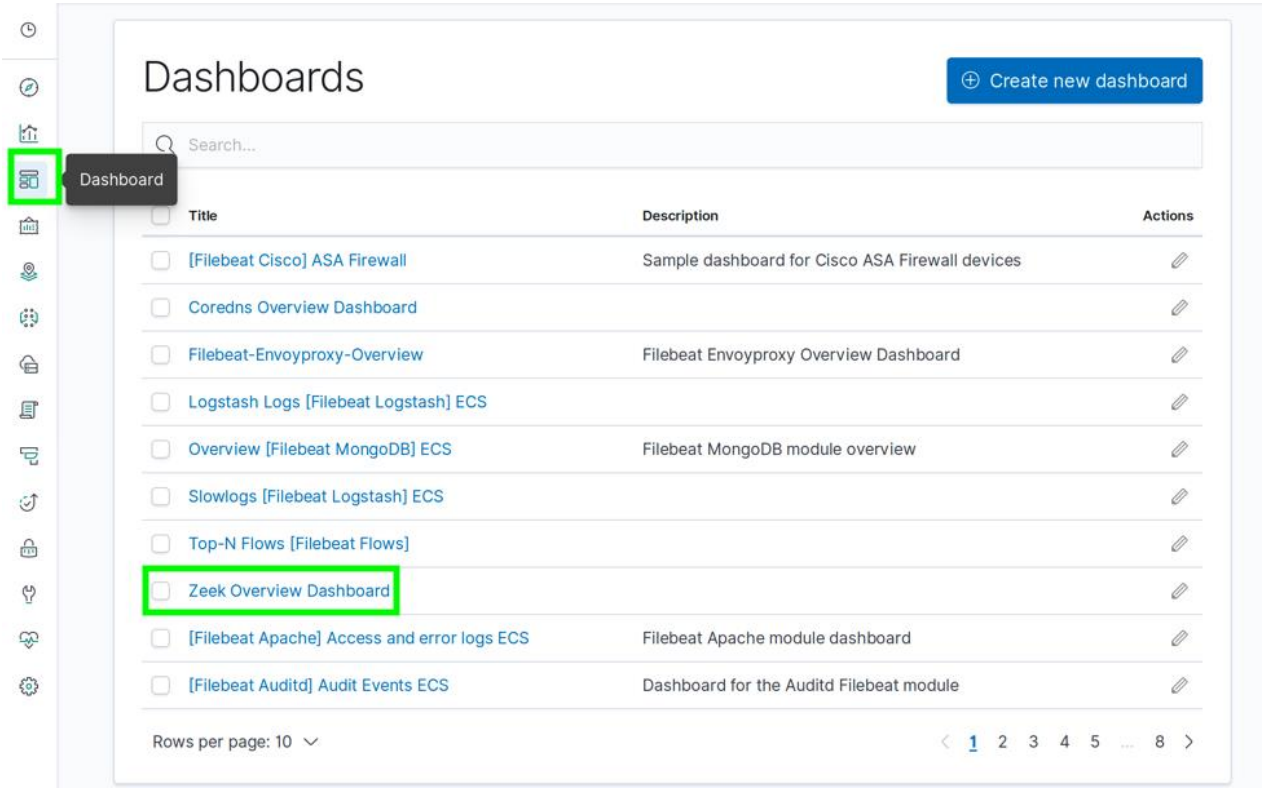
Configuring the Zeek Overview Dashboard

1. Go back to discover by **clicking** the **discover** icon:

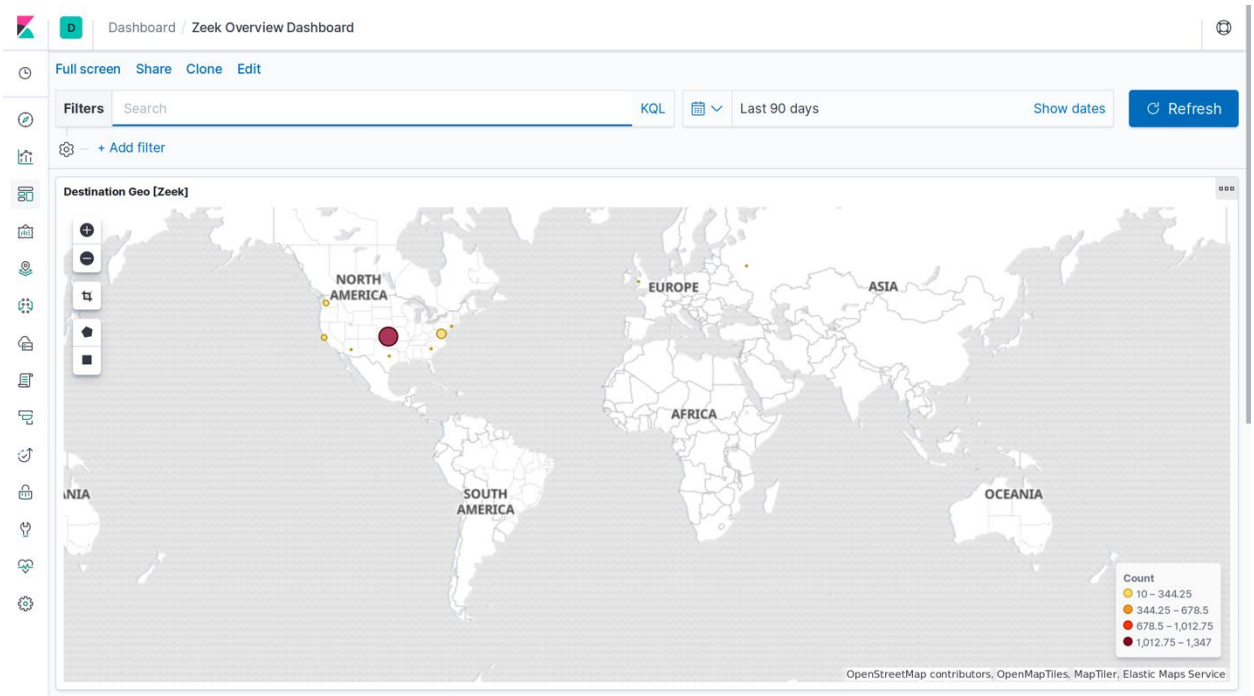


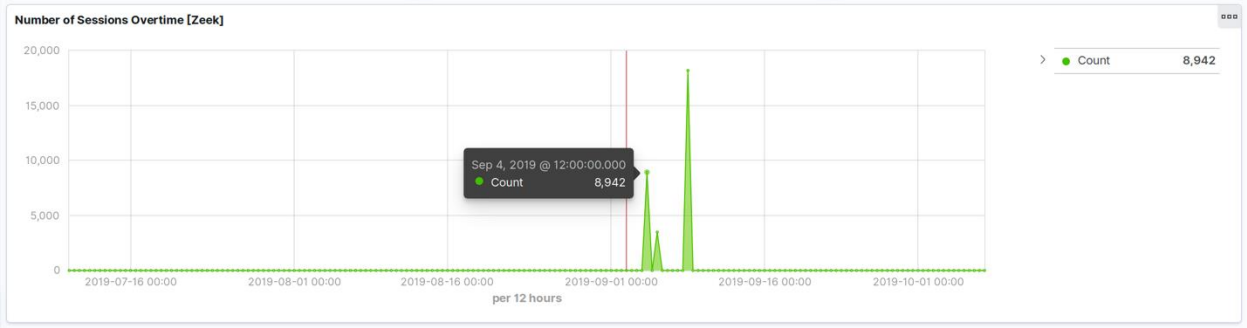
Note: The picture above shows the logs that are now being generated.

2. **Click** on the **dashboard** icon and then **click** the **Zeek (Bro) Overview Dashboard** link:



You should now see an output similar to the following image. Please note, the logs need to generate over time before everything will populate into the dashboard. I've been running logs randomly throughout this process, so everything has had time to populate here. Give your logs some time, and if they don't show eventually, check all the configuration files to ensure you have everything precisely how this walk through shows it.





This concludes the installation of Elasticsearch, Kibana, Logstash, and Filebeat along with configuration for using the Zeek (Bro) module to ingest logs to Elasticsearch and view them in the Zeek (Bro) Dashboard. The next part of this walk-through will go over how to use Logstash to ingest logs from Filebeat and configure the beats to view the logs within Elasticsearch and Kibana.

The method of ingesting logs from Logstash into Elasticsearch and viewing them in Kibana is how the ELK stack got its name. The other method above was for people who do not need to use Logstash. Logstash is very powerful and can pull logs from many different applications across a vast network from many different nodes. The next part of this walk through shows how to setup Logstash, Filebeat, and Zeek (Bro) to ingest data from Zeek (Bro) and send it through the Logstash pipeline to Elasticsearch.

Alternative ELK Stack Method

Configure Zeek (Bro) to Use JSON Output

Note: Some of the configuration files we used in the other walk through are not the same for this. Furthermore, you will need to change the files to match the following steps. Ensure you perform the steps in the previous configuration with the exception of editing the following files:

/opt/zeek/share/zeek/base/frameworks/logging/writers/ascii.zeek
/opt/zeek/share/zeek/site/local.zeek
/etc/filebeat/filbeat.yml
/etc/logstash/conf.d/zeek.conf
/etc/logstash/pipelines.yml
/etc/logstash/logstash.yml
/etc/filebeat/modules/zeek.yml

1. **Run** the following command to switch to Super User and enter your su password:

   sudo su

   ```
   iwcdev@iwcdev:~$ sudo su
   [sudo] password for iwcdev:
   root@iwcdev:/home/iwcdev#
   ```

2. **Change directory** to the **/opt/zeek/share/zeek/**site by using the following command in terminal:

   cd /opt/zeek/share/zeek/site

   ```
   root@iwcdev:/opt/zeek/share/zeek/site# cd /opt/zeek/share/zeek/site
   ```

3. **Run** the following command to edit the **local.zeek** file:

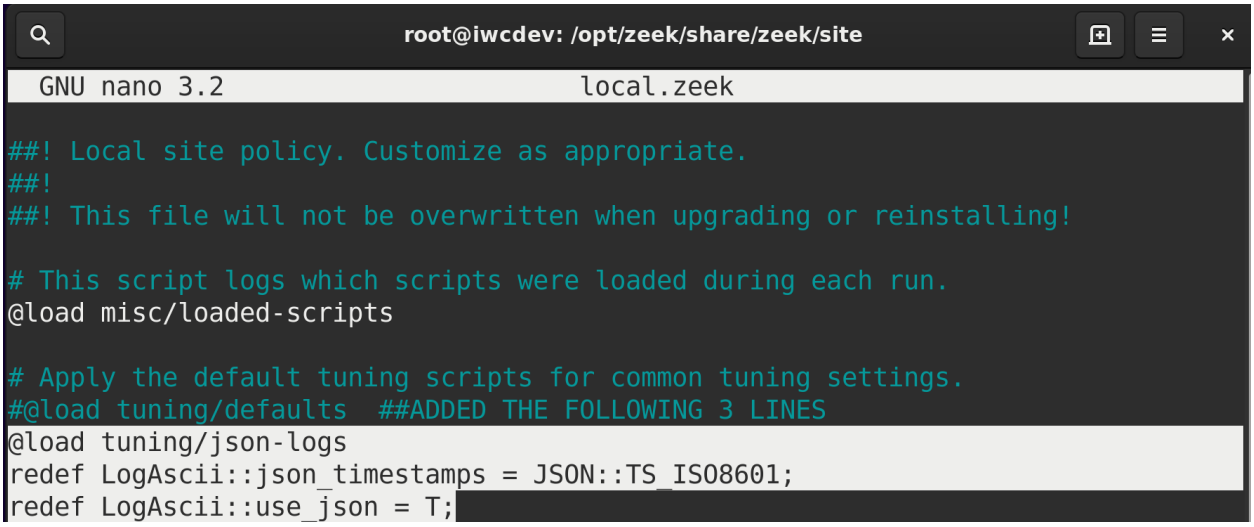
   nano local.zeek

   ```
   root@iwcdev:/opt/zeek/share/zeek/site# nano local.zeek
   ```

4. **Input** the following information for turning on JSON output with the TS_IS08601 timestamp output:

   @load tuning/json-logs
   redef LogAscii::json_timestamps = JSON::TS_ISO8601;
   redef LogAscii::use_json = T;

   Note: It is important you use this timestamp output, because of the index template used with Logstash in Elasticsearch.


root@iwcdev: /opt/zeek/share/zeek/site
GNU nano 3.2 local.zeek
##! Local site policy. Customize as appropriate.
##!
##! This file will not be overwritten when upgrading or reinstalling!
This script logs which scripts were loaded during each run.
@load misc/loaded-scripts
Apply the default tuning scripts for common tuning settings.
#@load tuning/defaults ##ADDED THE FOLLOWING 3 LINES
@load tuning/json-logs
redef LogAscii::json_timestamps = JSON::TS_ISO8601;
redef LogAscii::use_json = T;

5. **Run** the following commands to save, and exit the file:

   press "ctrl and X"
   press "Y"

   NOTE: DO NOT CHANGE THE FILE NAME.

   press "Return"

6. **Change directory** into the /opt/zeek/share/zeek/base/frameworks/logging/writers directory by running the following command:

   cd /opt/zeek/share/zeek/base/frameworks/logging/writers

```
root@iwcdev:/opt/zeek/share/zeek/site# cd /opt/zeek/share/zeek/base/frameworks/l
ogging/writers
```

7. **Run** the following command to edit the **ascii.zeek** file:

   nano ascii.zeek

```
root@iwcdev:/opt/zeek/share/zeek/base/frameworks/logging/writers# nano ascii.zeek
```

8. **Edit** the **ascii.zeek** file to ensure the following line has the json output set to **T** for True:

   const use_json = T &redef;

```
module LogAscii;

export {
        ## If true, output everything to stdout rather than
        ## into files. This is primarily for debugging purposes.
        ##
        ## This option is also available as a per-filter ``$config`` option.
        const output_to_stdout = F &redef;

        ## If true, the default will be to write logs in a JSON format.
        ##
        ## This option is also available as a per-filter ``$config`` option.
        const use_json = T &redef;

        ## If true, valid UTF-8 sequences will pass through unescaped and be
        ## written into logs.
        ##
        ## This option is also available as a per-filter ``$config`` option.
        const enable_utf_8 = F &redef;

        ## Define the gzip level to compress the logs.  If 0, then no gzip
```

9. **Run** the following commands to save, and exit the file:

   press “ctrl and X”
   press “Y”

   NOTE: DO NOT CHANGE THE FILE NAME.

   press “Return”

Configure Logstash

1. **Change directory** to the **/etc/logstash** directory:

   cd /etc/logstash

```
root@iwcdev:/etc/logstash# cd /etc/logstash
```

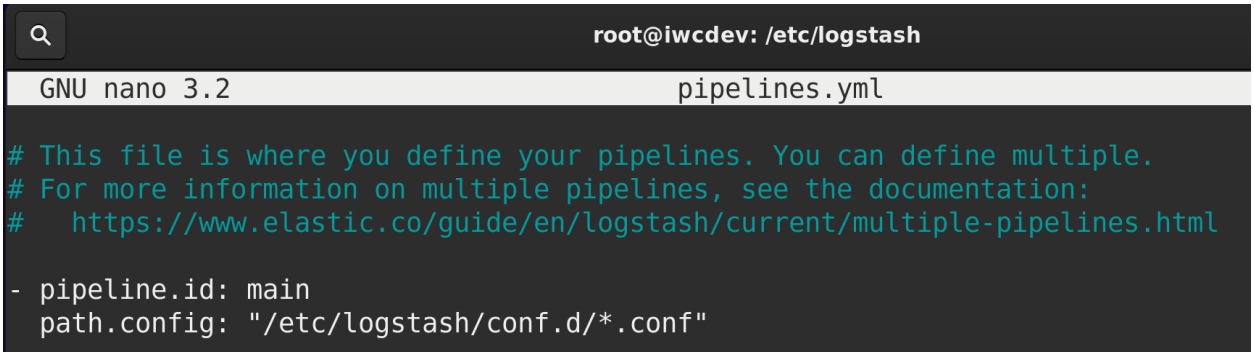
2. **Run** the following command to edit the **pipelines.yml** file:

   nano pipelines.yml

```
root@iwcdev:/etc/logstash# nano pipelines.yml
root@iwcdev:/etc/logstash#
```

3. **Edit** the **pipelines.yml** to contain the following information (if it is already configured skip this step):

   - pipeline.id: main
   path.config: "/etc/logstash/conf.d/*.conf"


root@iwcdev: /etc/logstash
GNU nano 3.2 pipelines.yml
This file is where you define your pipelines. You can define multiple.
For more information on multiple pipelines, see the documentation:
https://www.elastic.co/guide/en/logstash/current/multiple-pipelines.html
- pipeline.id: main
path.config: "/etc/logstash/conf.d/*.conf"

Note: This file functions by setting a folder where the pipeline will come from. You can have multiple configuration files in this folder that makes ingesting from multiple sources easier to manage. This folder is the default location used by Logstash. If you use another directory, then set the new directory location path.

4. **Run** the following command to edit the **logstash.yml**:

   nano logstash.yml

```
root@iwcdev:/etc/logstash# nano logstash.yml
```

5. **Edit** the Logstash file to contain the following information and leave the rest hashed out:

   path.data: /var/lib/logstash
   path.logs: /var/log/logstash

```
#
# ------------ Data path ------------------
#
# Which directory should be used by logstash and its plugins
# for any persistent needs. Defaults to LOGSTASH_HOME/data
#
path.data: /var/lib/logstash
#
# ------------ Pipeline Settings --------------
```

```
# ------------ Debugging Settings --------------
#
# Options for log.level:
#   * fatal
#   * error
#   * warn
#   * info (default)
#   * debug
#   * trace
#
# log.level: info
path.logs: /var/log/logstash
#
```

Note: This should already be configured, if not it's in the default file, just un-hash it.

6. **Run** the following commands to save, and exit the file:

   press “ctrl and X”
   press “Y”

   NOTE: DO NOT CHANGE THE FILE NAME.

   press “Return”

7. **Change directory** to the /etc/logstash/conf.d folder:

   cd conf.d

```
root@iwcdev:/etc/logstash# cd conf.d
root@iwcdev:/etc/logstash/conf.d#
```

8. **Run** the following command to create and edit the zeek.conf file:

   nano zeek.conf

   Note: Any file in this folder is executed on Logstash’s startup; this is where the pipeline files reside.

```
root@iwcdev:/etc/logstash/conf.d# nano zeek.conf
```

9. **Paste** the following information into the zeek.conf file:

```
input {
   beats {
      port => 5001
      codec => "json"
#       ssl => true
#       ssl_certificate => "/etc/logstash/logstash.crt"
#       ssl_key => "/etc/logstash/logstash.key"
   }
}

filter {

  #Let's get rid of those header lines; they begin with a hash
  if [message] =~ /^#/ {
    drop { }
  }

    #Let's convert our timestamp into the 'ts' field, so we can use Kibana features natively
    date {
      match => [ "ts", "UNIX" ]
    }
```

```
  # add geoip attributes
  geoip {
   source => "id.orig_h"
   target => "geoip"
  }
  geoip {
   source => "id.resp_h"
   target => "geoip"
  }
  geoip {
   source => "id.resp_h"
   target => "resp_geoip"
  }
  geoip {
   source => "id.orig_h"
   target => "orig_geoip"
  }
  #The following makes use of the translate filter (logstash contrib) to convert conn_state into human text. Saves having to look up values for packet introspection
  translate {
   field => "conn_state"

   destination => "conn_state_full"

   dictionary => [
            "S0", "Connection attempt seen, no reply",
            "S1", "Connection established, not terminated",
            "S2", "Connection established and close attempt by originator seen (but no reply from responder)",
            "S3", "Connection established and close attempt by responder seen (but no reply from originator)",
            "SF", "Normal SYN/FIN completion",
            "REJ", "Connection attempt rejected",
            "RSTO", "Connection established, originator aborted (sent a RST)",
            "RSTR", "Established, responder aborted",
            "RSTOS0", "Originator sent a SYN followed by a RST, we never saw a SYN-ACK from the responder",
            "RSTRH", "Responder sent a SYN ACK followed by a RST, we never saw a SYN from the (purported) originator",
            "SH", "Originator sent a SYN followed by a FIN, we never saw a SYN ACK from the responder (hence the connection was 'half' open)",
                    "SHR", "Responder sent a SYN ACK followed by a FIN, we never saw a SYN from the originator",
            "OTH", "No SYN seen, just midstream traffic (a 'partial connection' that was not later closed)"
            ]
  }

  mutate {
   convert => [ "id.orig_p", "integer" ]
```

```
    convert => [ "id.resp_p", "integer" ]
    convert => [ "orig_bytes", "integer" ]
    convert => [ "duration", "float" ]
    convert => [ "resp_bytes", "integer" ]
    convert => [ "missed_bytes", "integer" ]
    convert => [ "orig_pkts", "integer" ]
    convert => [ "orig_ip_bytes", "integer" ]
    convert => [ "resp_pkts", "integer" ]
    convert => [ "resp_ip_bytes", "integer" ]
    rename =>  [ "id.orig_h", "id_orig_host" ]
    rename =>  [ "id.orig_p", "id_orig_port" ]
    rename =>  [ "id.resp_h", "id_resp_host" ]
    rename =>  [ "id.resp_p", "id_resp_port" ]
  }
}

output {
  stdout { codec => rubydebug }
  elasticsearch {
      hosts => ["localhost:9200"]
      template_overwrite => true
  }
}
```

Note: I have a few extra lines in my output config in the picture below, but you don't need to add those.

```
input {
    beats {
        port => 5001
        codec => "json"
#        ssl => true
#        ssl_certificate => "/etc/logstash/logstash.crt"
#        ssl_key => "/etc/logstash/logstash.key"
    }
}

filter {

  #Let's get rid of those header lines; they begin with a hash
  if [message] =~ /^#/ {
    drop { }
  }

    #Let's convert our timestamp into the 'ts' field, so we can use Kibana feat$
    date {
      match => [ "ts", "UNIX" ]
    }

    # add geoip attributes
    geoip {
      source => "id.orig_h"
#      target => "orig_geoip"
    }
                                [ Read 92 lines ]
```

```
    }
    geoip {
      source => "id.resp_h"
#      target => "resp_geoip"
    }
    geoip {
      source => "id.resp_h"
      target => "resp_geoip"
    }
    geoip {
      source => "id.orig_h"
      target => "orig_geoip"
    }
    #The following makes use of the translate filter (logstash contrib) to conv$
    translate {
```

```
      field => "conn_state"

      destination => "conn_state_full"

      dictionary => [
                    "S0", "Connection attempt seen, no reply",
                    "S1", "Connection established, not terminated",
                    "S2", "Connection established and close attempt by originat$
                    "S3", "Connection established and close attempt by responde$
                    "SF", "Normal SYN/FIN completion",
                    "REJ", "Connection attempt rejected",
                    "RSTO", "Connection established, originator aborted (sent a$
                    "RSTR", "Established, responder aborted",
                    "RSTOS0", "Originator sent a SYN followed by a RST, we neve$
```

```
                    "RSTRH", "Responder sent a SYN ACK followed by a RST, we ne$
                    "SH", "Originator sent a SYN followed by a FIN, we never sa$
                                "SHR", "Responder sent a SYN ACK followed by a $
                    "OTH", "No SYN seen, just midstream traffic (a 'partial con$
                    ]
    }

    mutate {
      convert => [ "id.orig_p", "integer" ]
      convert => [ "id.resp_p", "integer" ]
      convert => [ "orig_bytes", "integer" ]
      convert => [ "duration", "float" ]
      convert => [ "resp_bytes", "integer" ]
      convert => [ "missed_bytes", "integer" ]
```

```
      convert => [ "missed_bytes", "integer" ]
      convert => [ "orig_pkts", "integer" ]
      convert => [ "orig_ip_bytes", "integer" ]
      convert => [ "resp_pkts", "integer" ]
      convert => [ "resp_ip_bytes", "integer" ]
      rename =>  [ "id.orig_h", "id_orig_host" ]
      rename =>  [ "id.orig_p", "id_orig_port" ]
      rename =>  [ "id.resp_h", "id_resp_host" ]
      rename =>  [ "id.resp_p", "id_resp_port" ]
    }
}
```

```
output {
  stdout { codec => rubydebug }
  elasticsearch {
        hosts => ["localhost:9200"]
#        index => "logstash-%{+YYYY.MM.DD}"
#        document_type => "zeek"
#        template => "/etc/logstash/zeek.json"
#        template_name => "zeek"
        template_overwrite => true
  }
}
```

10. **Run** the following commands to save, and exit the file:

    press “ctrl and X”
    press “Y”

    NOTE: DO NOT CHANGE THE FILE NAME.

    press “Return”

There are a lot of things going on in this pipeline file and I provided descriptions within the file with hash tags. In the first section we are setting the input to come from port 5001, which is the port our Filebeat config will be sending logs to Logstash. I have hashed out the SSL settings because we aren’t using it, but they are there if you need to reference them for your application.

The next section we are filtering out the information that we are receiving and getting rid of the header lines. Furthermore, we are converting the timestamp to the “ts” field in order for Kibana to use its native features.

The next portion of the file is establishing what fields contain GeoIP information. Likewise, after the GeoIP information we have placed a dictionary to show what the connection state is in readable terms that are easily identifiable. Let’s be honest, we all forget things from time to time, and this makes it really easy to understand our output without having to look at a reference elsewhere.

The last two portions of the file contain a mutation for fields to have them convert the information into a style that Elasticsearch can handle, and then rename a few fields to make it easier to read and understand. The final portion of the file is the output. Setting the stdout to the rubydebug codec allows you to debug errors in Elasticsearch a little easier. The host is our Elasticsearch host, and the template is going to be the default template. Prior to the write up I had a specialized config, but Elasticsearch default template will work perfectly with this Zeek.conf file. Likewise, this is why you see the hashed out template at the end of the file in the picture of my config. Please note that I hashed out the index log format, and this is so that GeoIP can work with a format it understands like filebeat-%, or logstash-%. I had these lines there for other configurations. The great part about using hashes is that it gives you the ability to leave notes, reminders, or other options that you’re not currently using. This is commonly done when writing code because it’s hard to remember exactly what you did months ago, and you can always reference back to the file and see your thought process, or other configuration changes you made.

Configure Filebeat

1. **Change directory** to the **/etc/filebeat/** directory:

   cd /etc/filebeat/

```
root@iwcdev:/etc/logstash# cd /etc/filebeat/
root@iwcdev:/etc/filebeat#
```

2. **Run** the following command to edit the filebeat.yml:

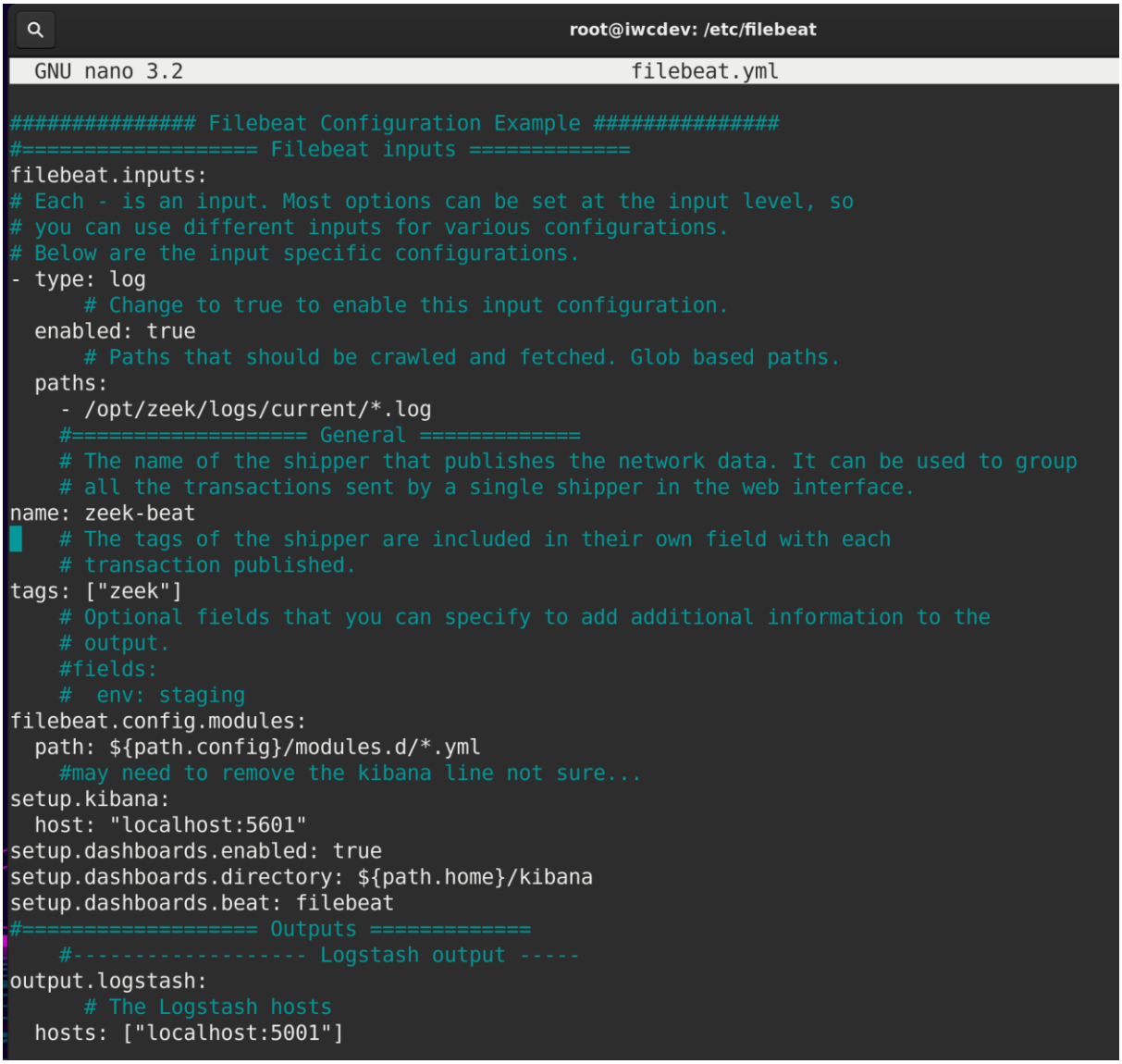
   nano filebeat.yml

```
root@iwcdev:/etc/filebeat# nano filebeat.yml
```

3. **Input** the following information into your **filebeat.yml**:

```
filebeat.inputs:

- type: log
    # Change to true to enable this input configuration.
  enabled: true
    # Paths that should be crawled and fetched. Glob based paths.
  paths:
    - /opt/zeek/logs/current/*.log
    #================== General =============
    # The name of the shipper that publishes the network data. It can be used to group
    # all the transactions sent by a single shipper in the web interface.
name: zeek-beat
    # The tags of the shipper are included in their own field with each
    # transaction published.
tags: ["zeek"]
    # Optional fields that you can specify to add additional information to the
    # output.
    #fields:
    #  env: staging
filebeat.config.modules:
  path: ${path.config}/modules.d/*.yml
    #may need to remove the kibana line not sure...
setup.kibana:
  host: "localhost:5601"
setup.dashboards.enabled: true
setup.dashboards.directory: ${path.home}/kibana
setup.dashboards.beat: filebeat
#================== Outputs =============
    #------------------ Logstash output -----
output.logstash:
    # The Logstash hosts
  hosts: ["localhost:5001"]
```


root@iwcdev: /etc/filebeat
GNU nano 3.2 filebeat.yml
############### Filebeat Configuration Example ###############
#==================== Filebeat inputs ==============
filebeat.inputs:
Each - is an input. Most options can be set at the input level, so
you can use different inputs for various configurations.
Below are the input specific configurations.
- type: log
Change to true to enable this input configuration.
enabled: true
Paths that should be crawled and fetched. Glob based paths.
paths:
- /opt/zeek/logs/current/*.log
#==================== General =============
The name of the shipper that publishes the network data. It can be used to group
all the transactions sent by a single shipper in the web interface.
name: zeek-beat
The tags of the shipper are included in their own field with each
transaction published.
tags: ["zeek"]
Optional fields that you can specify to add additional information to the
output.
#fields:
env: staging
filebeat.config.modules:
path: ${path.config}/modules.d/*.yml
#may need to remove the kibana line not sure...
setup.kibana:
host: "localhost:5601"
setup.dashboards.enabled: true
setup.dashboards.directory: ${path.home}/kibana
setup.dashboards.beat: filebeat
#================== Outputs =============
#------------------ Logstash output -----
output.logstash:
The Logstash hosts
hosts: ["localhost:5001"]

4. **Run** the following commands to save, and exit the file:

   press “ctrl and X”
   press “Y”

   NOTE: DO NOT CHANGE THE FILE NAME.

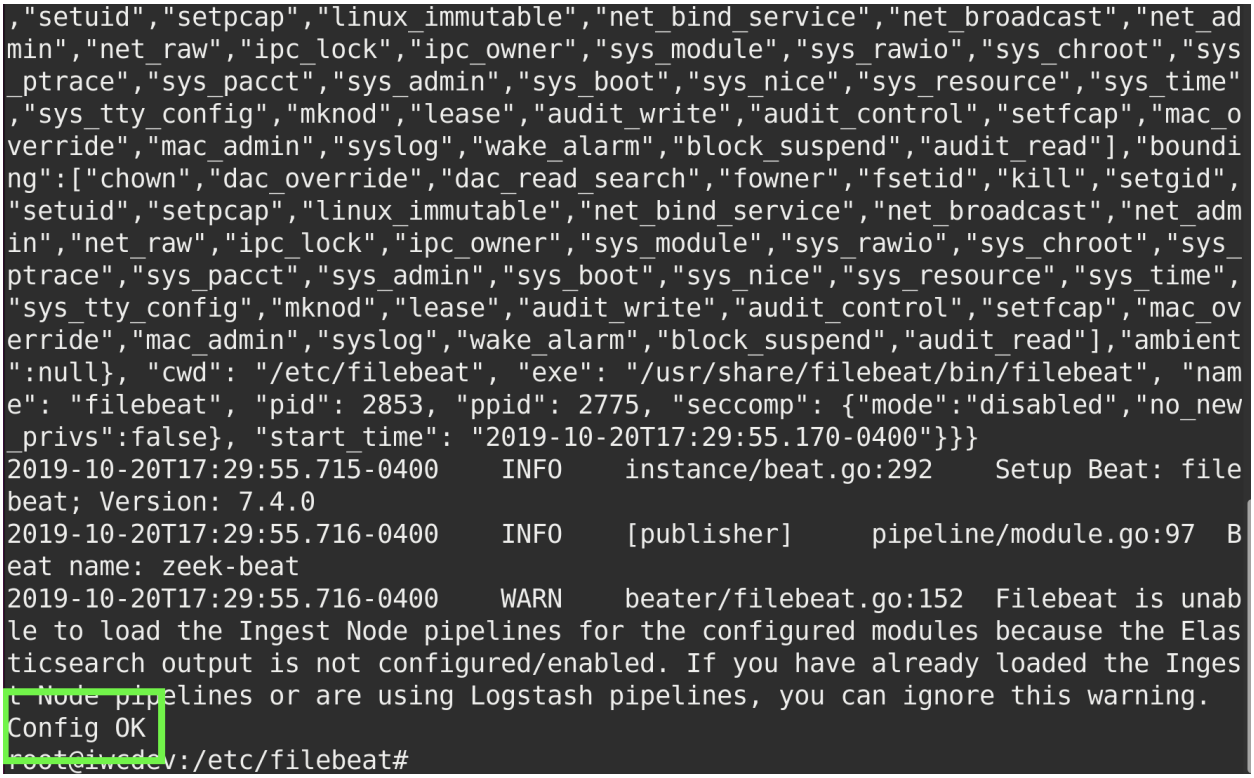
   press “Return”

5. **Run** the following command to ensure the config file is correct:

   filebeat test config -e

```
root@iwcdev:/etc/filebeat# filebeat test config -e
```

   Note: You must be root to perform the config test, and your main concern when viewing the output is to see “Config OK.” Your output should be similar to the following:


,"setuid","setpcap","linux_immutable","net_bind_service","net_broadcast","net_admin","net_raw","ipc_lock","ipc_owner","sys_module","sys_rawio","sys_chroot","sys_ptrace","sys_pacct","sys_admin","sys_boot","sys_nice","sys_resource","sys_time","sys_tty_config","mknod","lease","audit_write","audit_control","setfcap","mac_override","mac_admin","syslog","wake_alarm","block_suspend","audit_read"],"bounding":["chown","dac_override","dac_read_search","fowner","fsetid","kill","setgid","setuid","setpcap","linux_immutable","net_bind_service","net_broadcast","net_admin","net_raw","ipc_lock","ipc_owner","sys_module","sys_rawio","sys_chroot","sys_ptrace","sys_pacct","sys_admin","sys_boot","sys_nice","sys_resource","sys_time","sys_tty_config","mknod","lease","audit_write","audit_control","setfcap","mac_overrride","mac_admin","syslog","wake_alarm","block_suspend","audit_read"],"ambient":null}, "cwd": "/etc/filebeat", "exe": "/usr/share/filebeat/bin/filebeat", "name": "filebeat", "pid": 2853, "ppid": 2775, "seccomp": {"mode":"disabled","no_new_privs":false}, "start_time": "2019-10-20T17:29:55.170-0400"}}}
2019-10-20T17:29:55.715-0400 INFO instance/beat.go:292 Setup Beat: filebeat; Version: 7.4.0
2019-10-20T17:29:55.716-0400 INFO [publisher] pipeline/module.go:97 Beat name: zeek-beat
2019-10-20T17:29:55.716-0400 WARN beater/filebeat.go:152 Filebeat is unable to load the Ingest Node pipelines for the configured modules because the Elasticsearch output is not configured/enabled. If you have already loaded the Ingest Node pipelines or are using Logstash pipelines, you can ignore this warning.
Config OK
root@iwedev:/etc/filebeat#

6. **Run** the following commands to restart all ELK Stack services:

   systemctl restart kibana
   systemctl restart elasticsearch
   systemctl restart filebeat
   systemctl restart logstash

7. **Run** the following commands to ensure all the services are working:

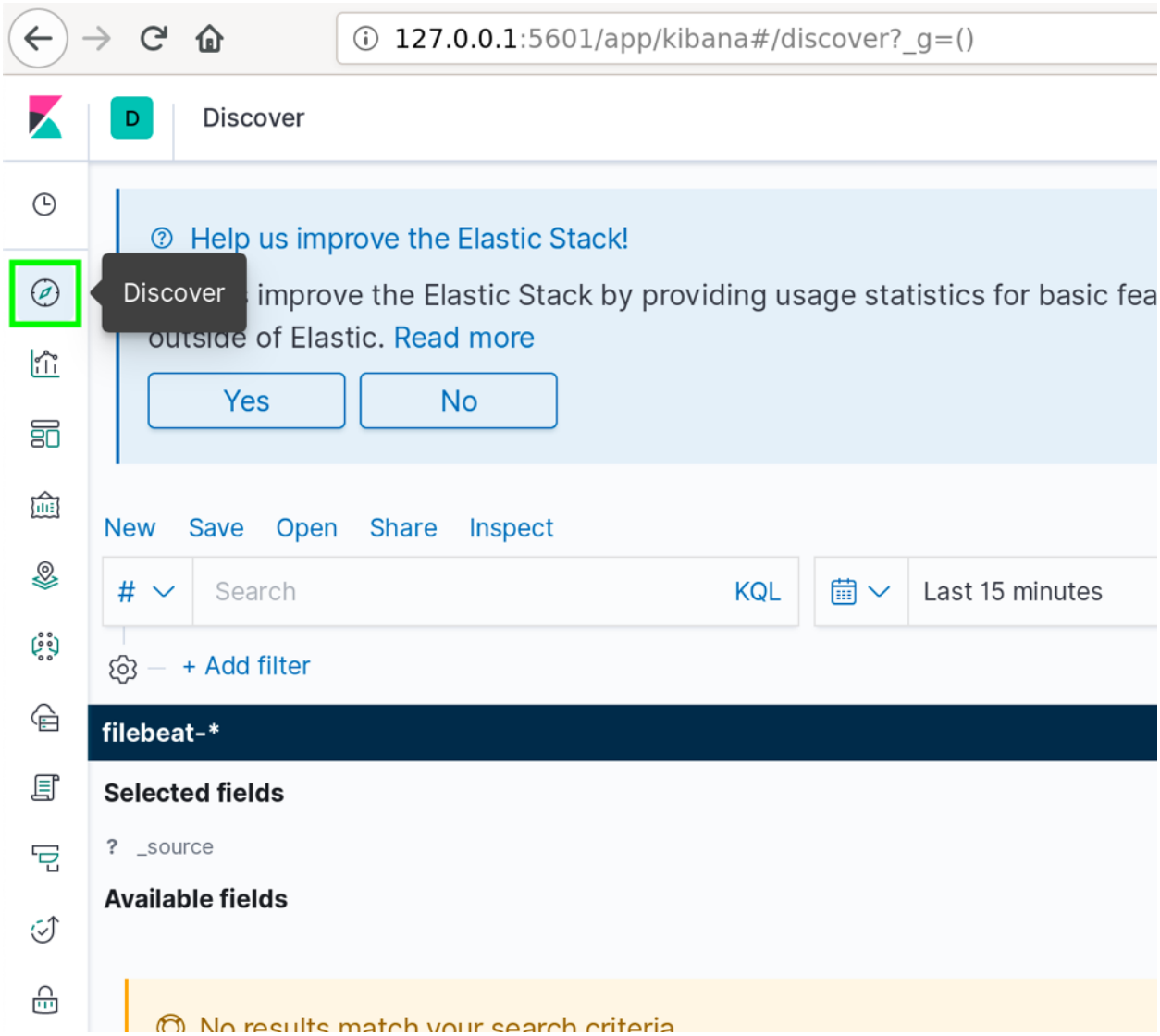
   systemctl status kibana
   systemctl status elasticsearch
   systemctl status filebeat
   systemctl status logstash

   Note: For those new to linux, press **ctrl+c** to get out of the status area results.

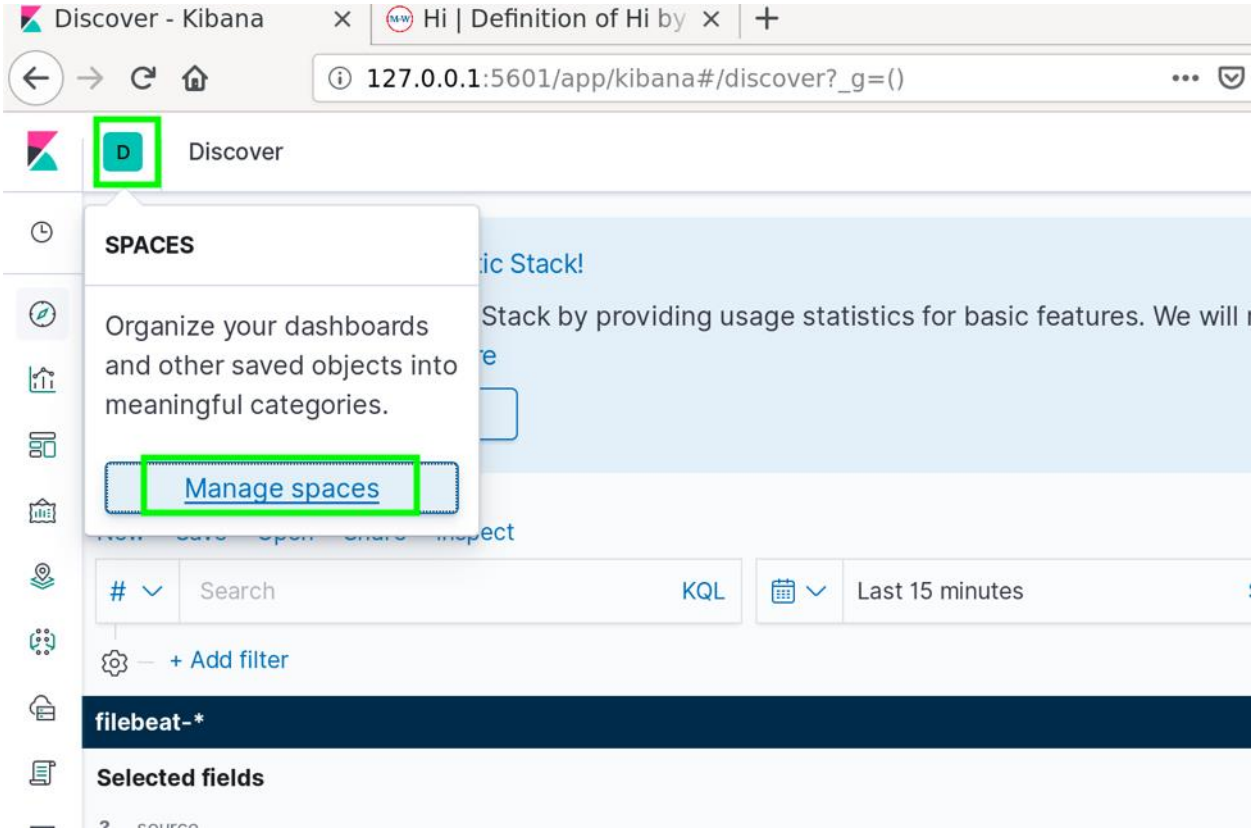
   Note: Ensure Zeek(Bro) is running in order to perform the following steps.

Viewing Logstash GEOIP Information in Kibana

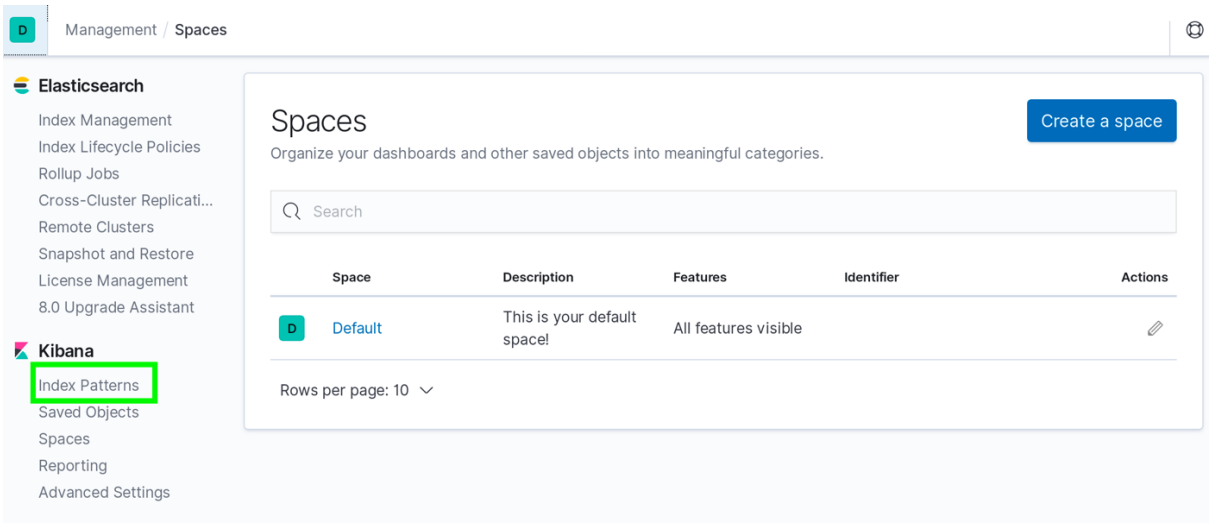
1. **Click** the **Discover** icon:

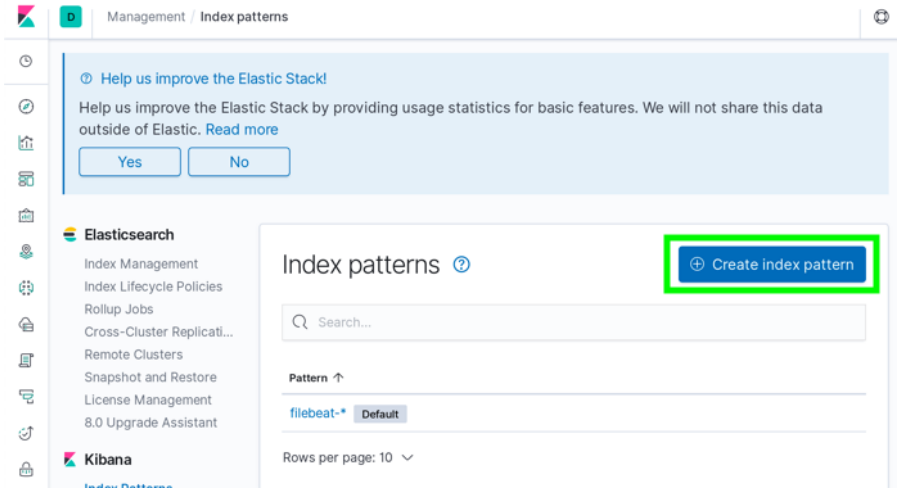


2. **Click** the **Default** icon, and then **click** the **Manage Spaces** link:

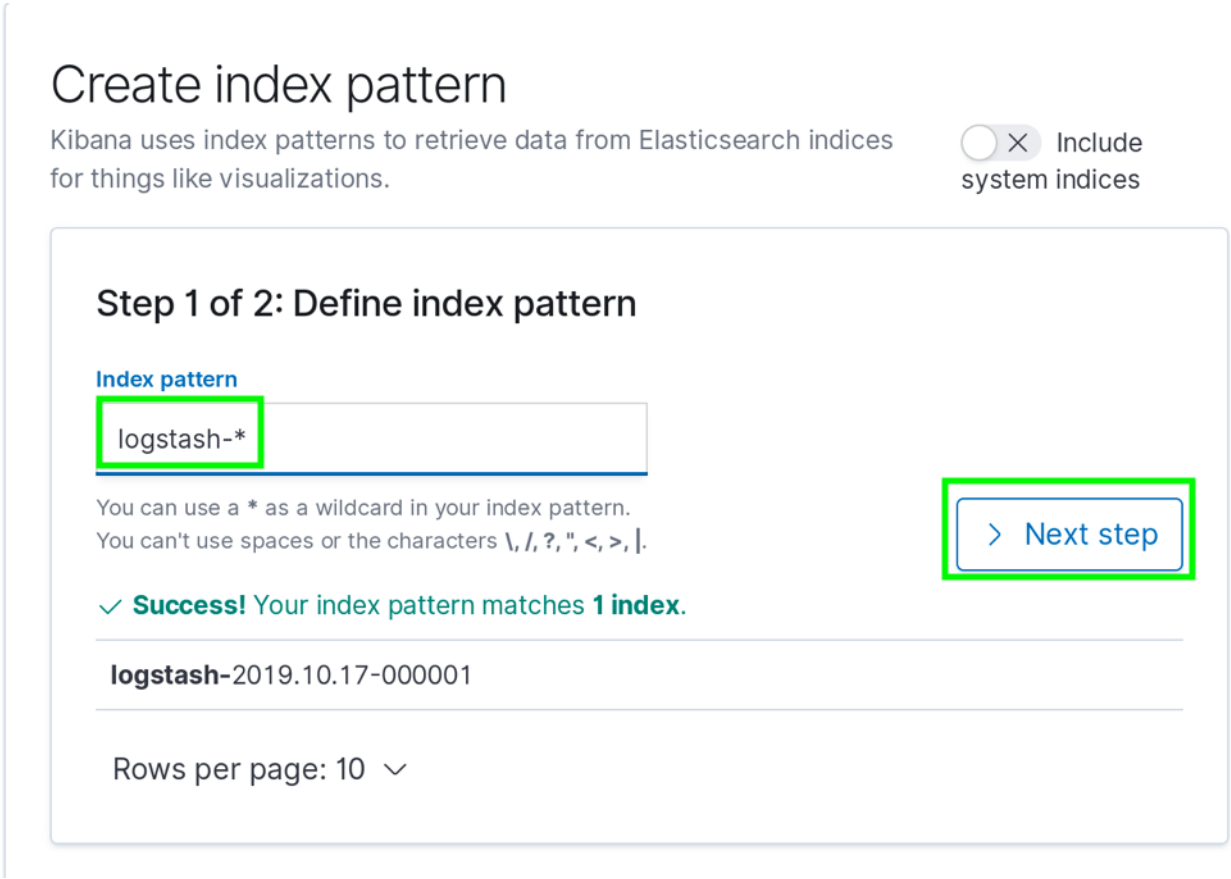


3. **Click** the **Index Patterns** icon and then **click** the **Create index pattern** icon:

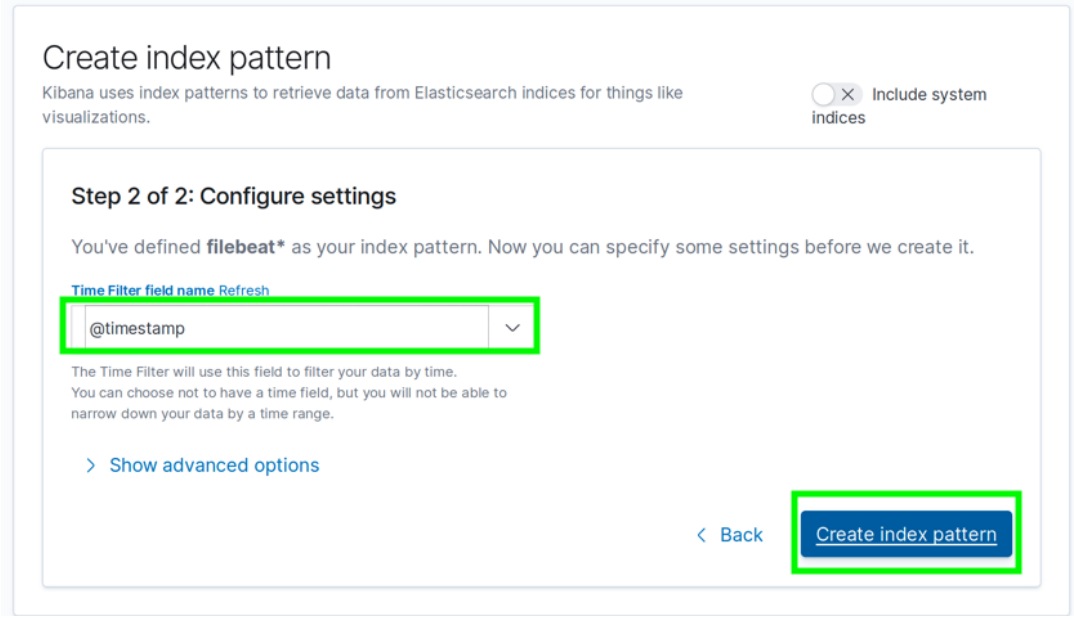




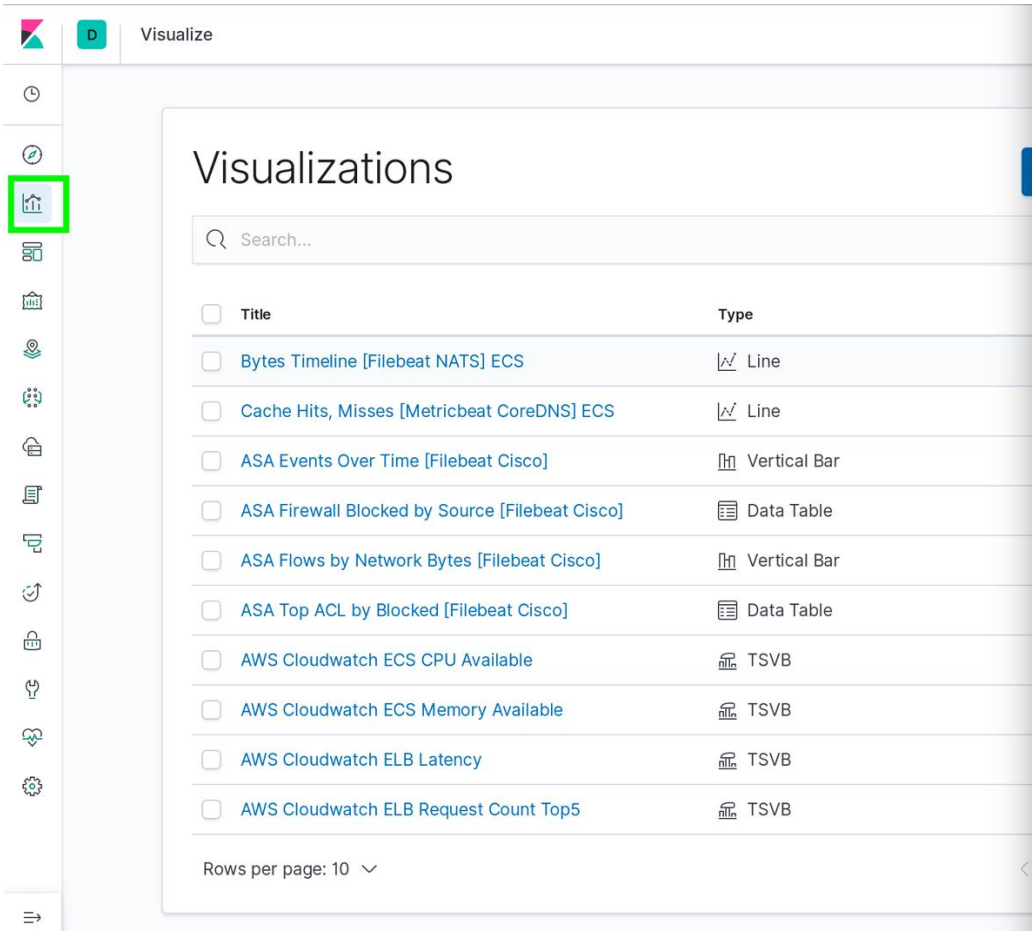
4. Type **logstash-*** into the **index pattern** box and click the **Next step** icon:


Create index pattern
Kibana uses index patterns to retrieve data from Elasticsearch indices for things like visualizations.
Include system indices
Step 1 of 2: Define index pattern
Index pattern
logstash-*
You can use a * as a wildcard in your index pattern.
You can't use spaces or the characters \, /, ?, ", <, >, |.
Next step
Success! Your index pattern matches 1 index.
logstash-2019.10.17-000001
Rows per page: 10

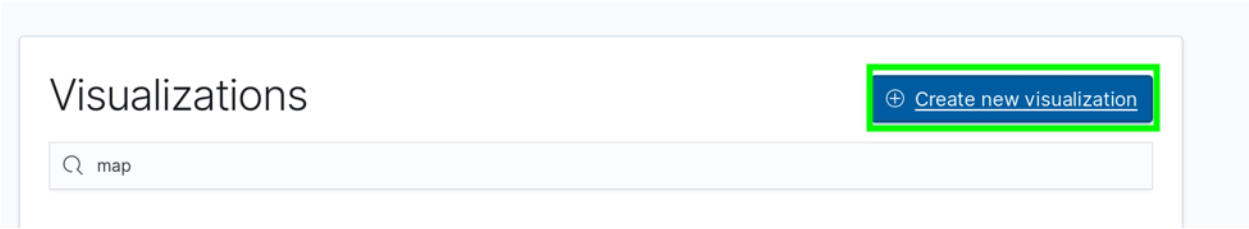
5. **Select** the **@timestamp** setting, and **click** the **Create index pattern** icon:


Create index pattern
Kibana uses index patterns to retrieve data from Elasticsearch indices for things like visualizations.
Include system indices
Step 2 of 2: Configure settings
You've defined filebeat* as your index pattern. Now you can specify some settings before we create it.
Time Filter field name Refresh
@timestamp
The Time Filter will use this field to filter your data by time.
You can choose not to have a time field, but you will not be able to narrow down your data by a time range.
Show advanced options
Back
Create index pattern

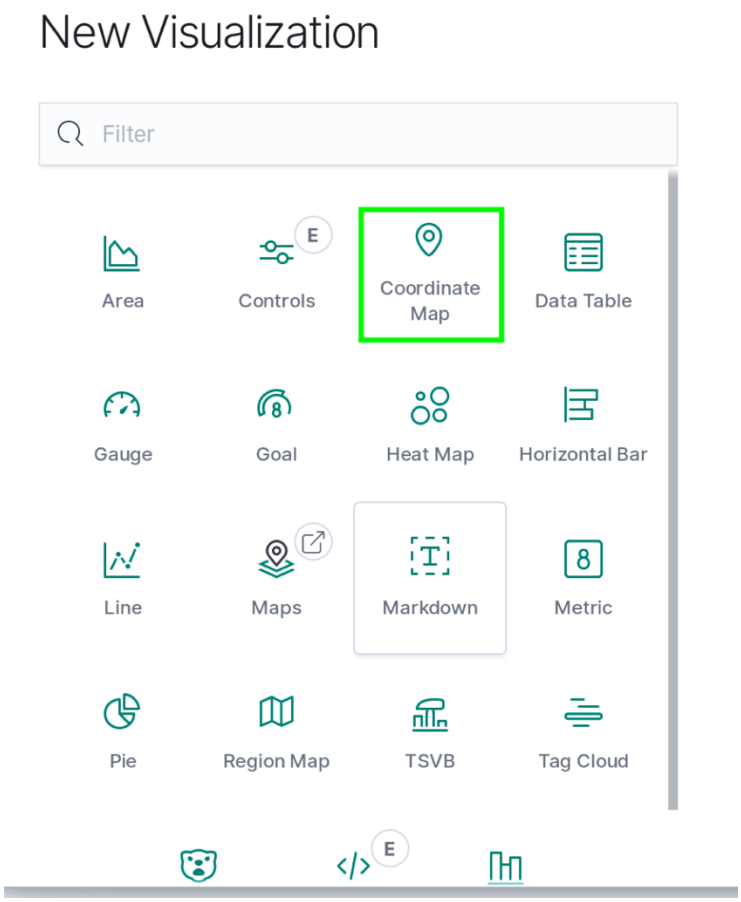
6. **Click** the **visualizations** icon:



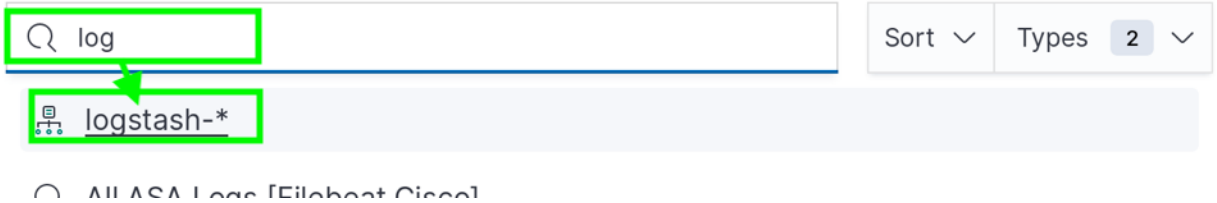
7. **Click** the **create new visualization** icon:



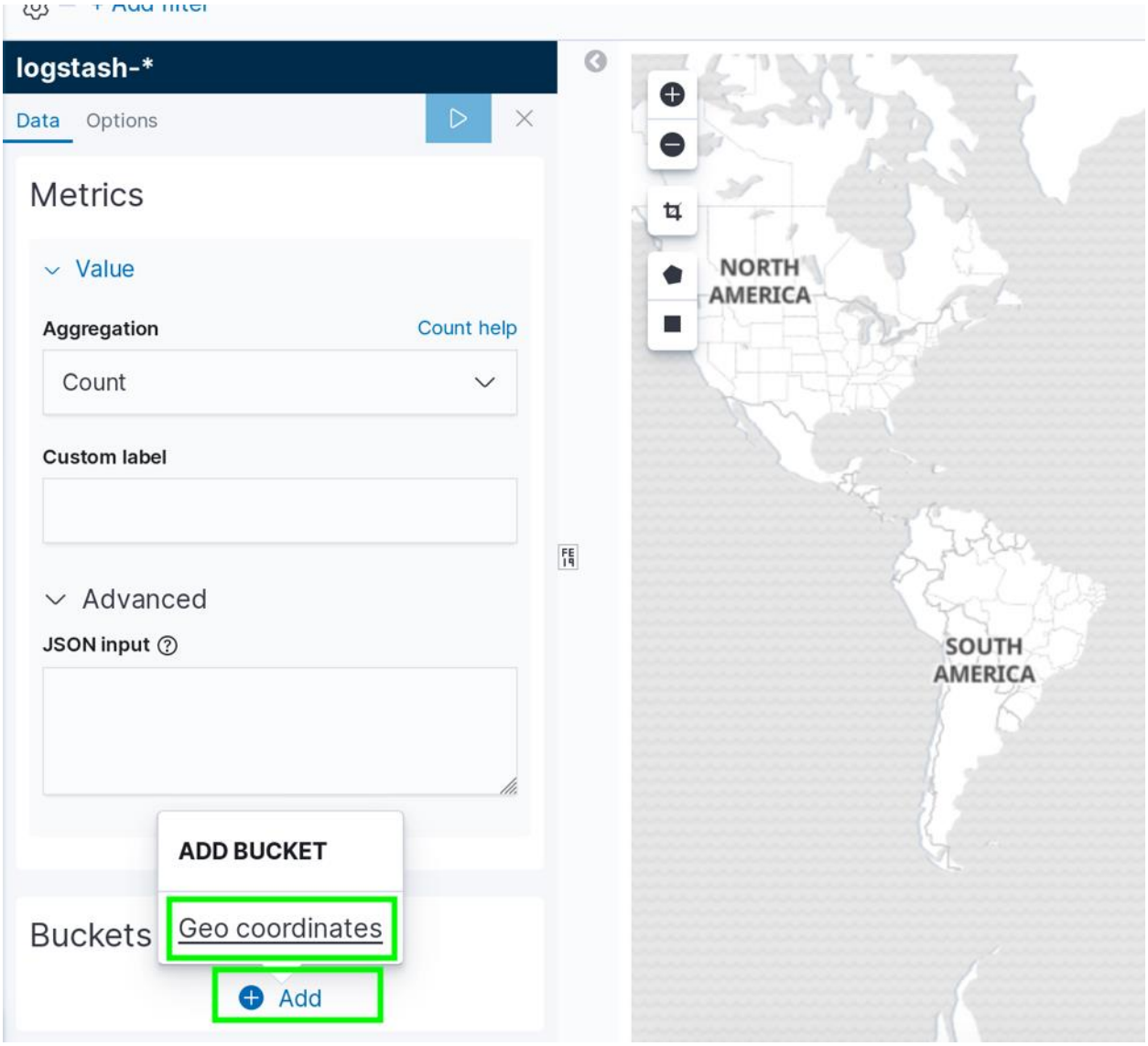
8. **Click** the **coordinate map** icon:



9. **Type** log and **click** logstash-*:

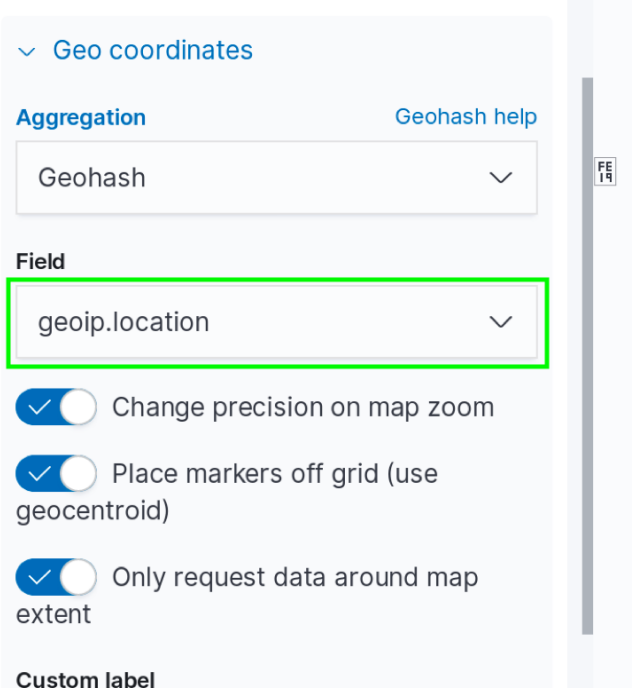


10. Click buckets +ADD, and click geo coordinates:

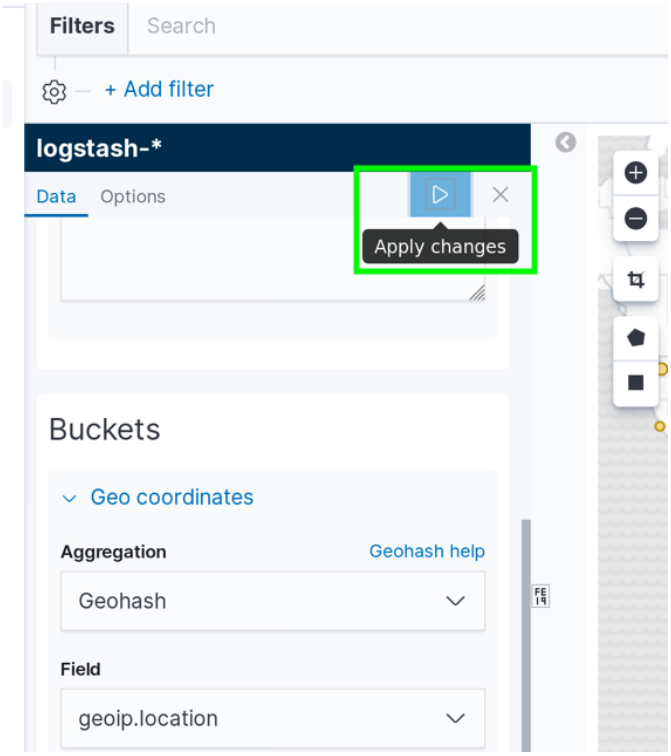


11. **Select** the **Geohash** selection:

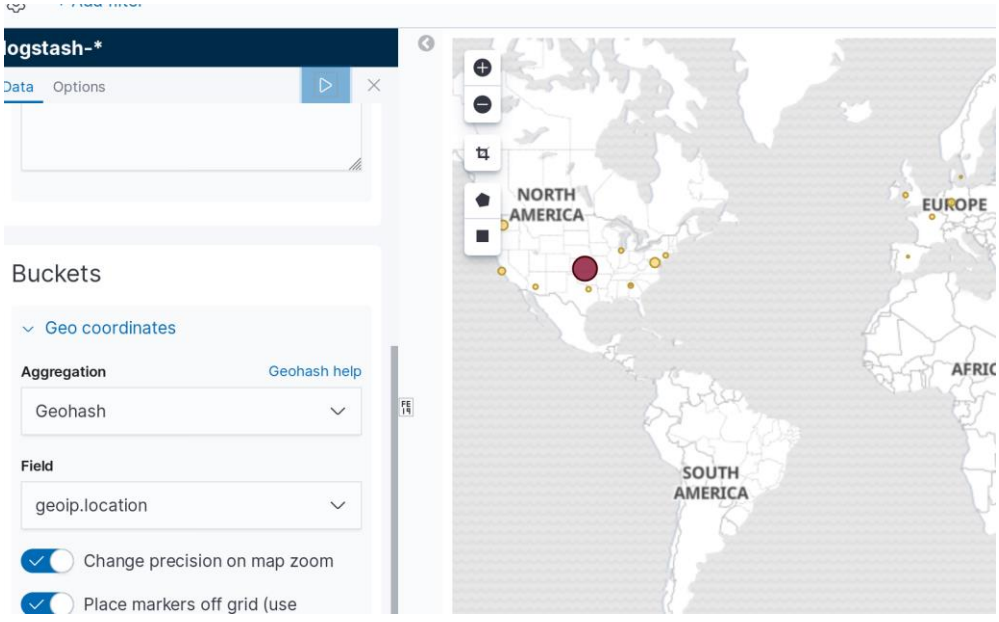
12. **Select** the **geoip.location** selection:



13. **Click** the **apply changes** icon, and it should pop up on the map.



After hitting apply changes you should now have a geoip map if you've generated any logs in the selected timeframe.

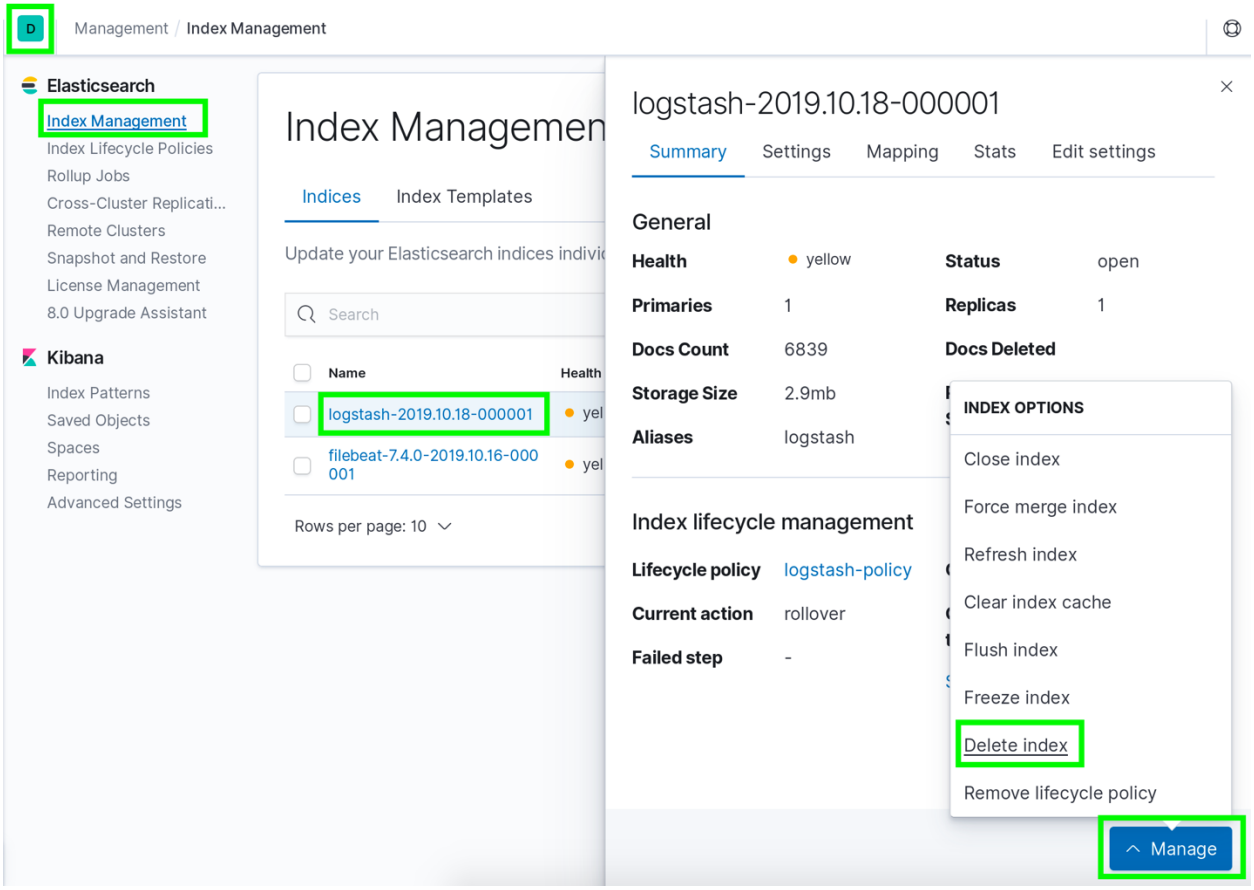


Troubleshooting Logs in Kibana

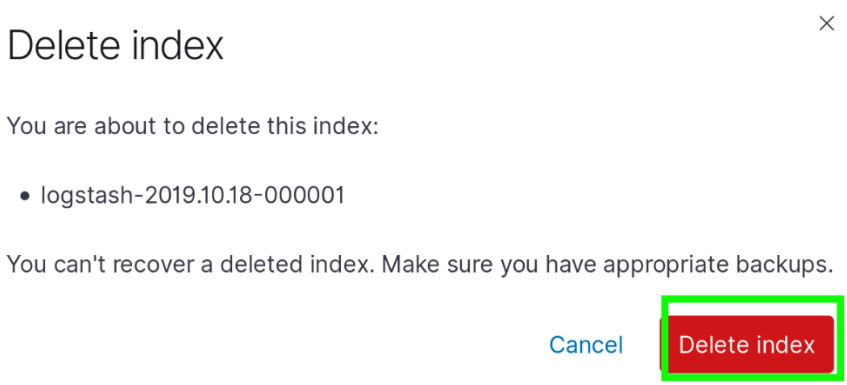
If for some reason **Logstash-*** is not showing up in the coordinate map drop downs it is because something has stopped the logs from being recognized by Kibana. Kibana is very sensitive to logs being formatted in correctly and it will not process the data properly to show in the dashboard. Ensure your configurations are correct, and also clear out any old Logstash indexes. While going back through the walk through I had everything exactly the same as my proof source build, and it would not work. After researching this issue I found that I was not the only one. I fixed my issue by deleting any Logstash indexes, and remaking the index pattern.

To remove the Index, and Index pattern perform the following steps:

1. **Click Default.**
2. **Click Index Management.**
3. **Click the Logstash index.**
4. **Click the Manage icon.**
5. **Click Delete index.**

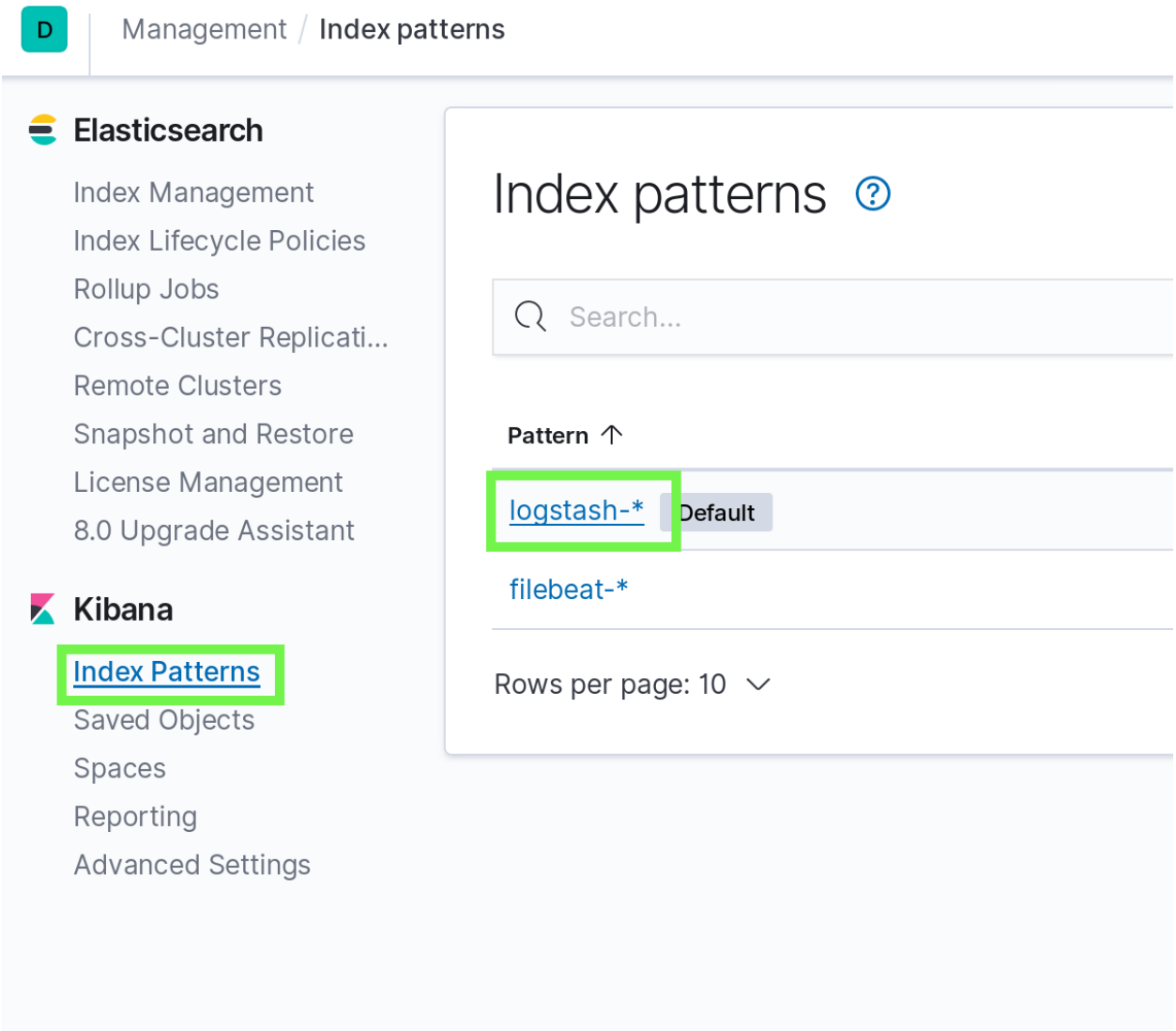


6. **Click** the **Delete index** icon.

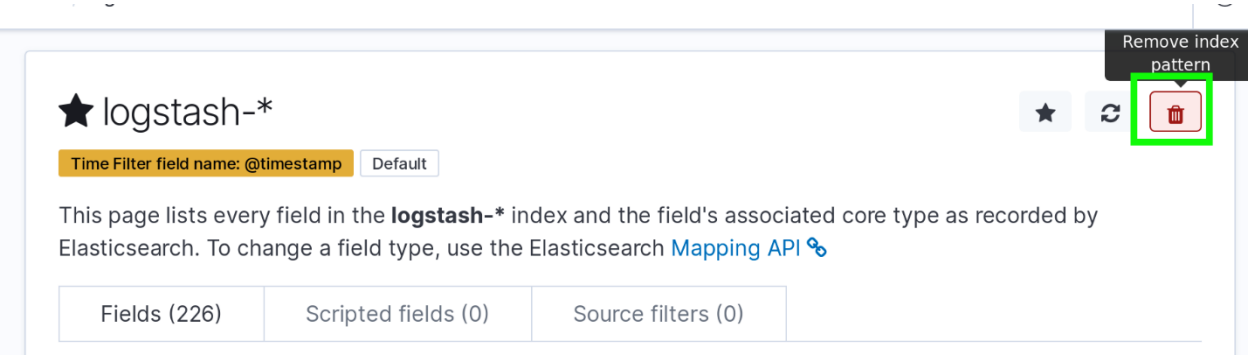

Delete index
You are about to delete this index:
• logstash-2019.10.18-000001
You can't recover a deleted index. Make sure you have appropriate backups.
Cancel
Delete index

7. **Click** the **Index Patterns** icon.
8. **Click** the **Logstash-*** index pattern (or whatever name convention is used).

Note: You must do this for all index patterns and Indexes that contain Logstash data.



9. **Click** the **Trashcan** (delete) icon.


Remove index pattern
logstash-*
Time Filter field name: @timestamp
Default
This page lists every field in the logstash-* index and the field's associated core type as recorded by Elasticsearch. To change a field type, use the Elasticsearch Mapping API
Fields (226)
Scripted fields (0)
Source filters (0)

Go back through the steps to restart (systemctl restart) Elasticsearch, Kibana, Filebeat, and Logstash then create the Logstash index pattern again while Zeek (Bro) is running. This should repopulate the logs, and create the new indexes using the correct default index template.

Note: The index patterns are case sensitive, so you need to ensure you type logstash with lowercases.

Note: If you still don't get the map showing up, Kibana has to have an index pattern of **logstash-*** in order for it to interpret the data for the dashboards. I have repeatedly tried to duplicate issues with this process, and sometimes the Index Management Admin Panel in Kibana will make the index **logstash** with nothing else behind it. Kibana does not know how to handle an index named just "logstash." You will need to shut off Zeek (Bro), and restart services, deleted the Index, and keep trying until the log analyzer performs it's "roll-over." The easiest way I found to fix that problem is to leave the Filebeat service off, restart all other services, start Zeek (Bro), and then turn back on Filebeat. This forced Elasticsearch to use the proper Logstash naming convention. The bad part is that you can't always get the same results, so if you're having problems, you will need to play around with the services, and delete the indexes. I performed multiple steps the same way, multiple times, and got different outcomes. Elasticsearch will perform a "roll-over" with the logs periodically, and this is where I believe the hang up comes from. Once that refreshes, usually it will work, so give it sometime and keep trying to delete the indexes and restart the services until you get the proper naming convention.

Conclusion

The ELK Stack is a very versatile and powerful program for analyzing data and logs in an easy to manage centralized location. The records can be sent from anywhere and processed in one location. There are endless possibilities for how you configure ELK to handle and display your data from many different applications. There are many more uses for ELK Stack than were covered in this walk-through, but in this walk-through we covered how to install Elasticsearch, Kibana, Logstash, and Filebeat to ingest Zeek (Bro) IDS logs. Be sure to check out all the modules, and files within the ELK file folders, and you can start to get a good idea of how powerful this program can be.

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Configuring Zeek (Bro) IDS Signatures

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In this walk-through we are going to go over how to download and use signatures in Zeek (Bro) in order to target network traffic that could cause security risks or vulnerability. If you read through the last Cyber Intelligence Report (CIR), then you are already aware of how to install Zeek (Bro). In the previous article we saw how to install and configure ElasticSearch, Filebeat, Kibana, and Logstash in order to pipeline the Zeek (Bro) Logs into an easy to manage web interface. Likewise, now that we have completed the configuration process, we can pull logs to analyze from PCAP data. Furthermore, it is equally important to create signatures that find important data that needs to be monitored. This walk-through is going to show you how to configure Zeek (Bro) to make notifications and send them to the notification or signature logs.

Today's CISOs and Cyber Security Analysts need to be able to quickly identify potential hazards, and security vulnerabilities on the network. Everything in this day and age is network centric and it's important that we can use a streamlined approach to filtering important events on our networks; the Zeek (Bro) ELK stack provides a free and comprehensive way of doing just that. Zeek (Bro) is as powerful a tool as you configure it to be. Zeek (Bro) has its own programming language that allows administrators to write their own scripts to monitor network data for detection of potentially hazardous network behavior. It's common to use a SIEM to collect high volumes of network data, but this also makes it very difficult to figure out what data is important to analyze, and what data is a false positive. Many companies spend millions of dollars on products that leave them with questions about whether data is a real threat, where it came from, when it started, and is it serious. The Zeek (Bro) ELK Stack can tell you the answers to these questions quickly and efficiently, and at a minimum point you in the right direction to start looking into potential network issues. Not to mention, ELK Stack has its own built in SIEM functionality, and we are going to cover that in future walk-throughs. Remember, security-related issues are often missed because no one is looking for the vulnerability, or because one relevant event was missed in a plethora of false positives.

Zeek (Bro) is a great tool for incident response, and network monitoring because it will give you logs that point out the data you want to quickly view, and sort. This walk-through is going to cover how to use Zeek's built in signatures and add some custom signatures that will help identify important network traffic.

Overview

- Install Zeek (Bro) Signatures from GitHub
- Listing of Signature, Notices, and Events
- Configure Zeek (Bro) after Signature Installation
- Using Zeek (Bro) and ELK stack
- Tor Traffic Analysis

Install Zeek Signatures from GitHub

1. **Run** the following command to switch to the Super User account:

   sudo su

```
iwcdev@iwcdev:/opt/zeek/share/zeek/site$ sudo su
[sudo] password for iwcdev:
root@iwcdev:/opt/zeek/share/zeek/site#
```

2. Change Directory to the <prefix>/Downloads folder on your machine:

   cd /home/iwcdev/Downloads/

   Note: Ensure you use your Downloads folder, or whatever folder you feel comfortable cloning a repository to.

```
root@iwcdev:~# cd /home/iwcdev/Downloads/
root@iwcdev:/home/iwcdev/Downloads#
```

3. **Run** the following command to clone the GitHub repository containing the Zeek Site Scripts:

   git clone github.com/RichardMedlin/Zeek-Bro.git

```
root@iwcdev:/home/iwcdev/Downloads# git clone https://github.com/RichardMedlin/Zeek-Bro.
git
Cloning into 'Zeek-Bro'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 62, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (62/62), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (61/61), done.
remote: Total 136 (delta 29), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 74
Receiving objects: 100% (136/136), 871.69 KiB | 4.02 MiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (34/34), done.
root@iwcdev:/home/iwcdev/Downloads#
```

4. **Change directory** to the Zeek-Bro directory:

   cd Zeek-Bro

   Note: The Zeek-Bro directory is the directory you cloned the git repository to.

```
root@iwcdev:/home/iwcdev/Downloads# ls
GeoLite2-City_20190820  geolite2.tar.gz  Zeek-Bro
root@iwcdev:/home/iwcdev/Downloads# cd Zeek-Bro
root@iwcdev:/home/iwcdev/Downloads/Zeek-Bro#
```

5. **Run** the Install file using the following command:

   ./install.sh /home/iwcdev/Downloads/Zeek-Bro/site/ /opt/zeek/share/zeek/

   Note: Ensure you **replaced the file path** with where you cloned the Zeek-Bro repository to. You also need to ensure that you have the correct path stated for the <prefix>/zeek/share/zeek folder. This script will install the Zeek “site” folder if it isn’t already there and will recursively place all the files, folders, and contents as needed. The “site” folder should exist, and the script will replace the local.zeek file and any other file that shares the same name orientation that is in the folder. So, make sure you back up any files in the “site” folder that you think may get lost when running this script.

You will receive output showing the files were moved. Go to the destination: <prefix>/zeek/share/zeek/sites/ folder and make sure that the files were properly copied to their new location.

```
root@iwcdev:/opt/zeek/share/zeek/site# ls
basic-auth-notice.zeek     ftp-bruteforce.zeek      rdp
creditcardcaptures         http-attack.zeek         smtp
cryptomining               http-basic-auth.zeek     ssh-attack.zeek
dir-mod.zeek               http-pass.zeek           tor.zeek
dnstunnel.zeek             http-stalling.zeek       udpscan.zeek
dns-zone-trans.zeek        local.zeek
exfil-detection-framework  producer-consumer-ratio
root@iwcdev:/opt/zeek/share/zeek/site#
```

Listing of Signatures, Notices, and Events

Zeek (Bro) uses the <prefix>/zeek/share/zeek/sites/ folder to house the local.zeek file and should be used to put your custom scripts in one centralized place. The other files are located in the Zeek folders as described below. In order to make changes you need to use the " cd " command to change directory to the directory the files are in. If you have trouble locating the files by navigating through zeek you can use the command " locate " and the name of the scripts like:

locate loaded-scripts

Note: Notice in the picture below that you can see the path to the loaded-scripts.zeek file.

```
root@iwcdev:/home/iwcdev# locate loaded-scripts
/opt/zeek/share/zeek/policy/misc/loaded-scripts.zeek
root@iwcdev:/home/iwcdev#
```

All of the scripts below are listed just how they are in the local.zeek file for clarity and for you to understand what scripts and signatures we are loading using the local.zeek file. Once you navigate to the folder that they are located in run the following command to edit the settings or look at the script:

nano <file_name>.<extension>

As an example:

nano loaded-scripts.zeek

Likewise, you can type the whole path that was given with the locate command like the following:

nano /opt/zeek/share/zeek/policy/misc/loaded-scripts.zeek

The following scripts are what we are going to load when Zeek (Bro) is launched and they are turned on and off in the /opt/zeek/share/zeek/site/local.zeek file. All you need to do to turn a script off is to place a # (hastag) at the beginning of the line for the script. View the local.zeek file using "**nano <prefix>/zeek/share/zeek/site/local.zeek**"and look at the example below.

```
@load http-basic-auth.zeek
@load tor.zeek
@load udpscan.zeek
@load dir-mod.zeek
@load ssh-attack.zeek

#Exfiltration Monitoring after hours add the following:
@load exfil-detection-framework
#  Redefine networks monitored for exfil in your local.bro:
redef Exfil::watched_subnets_conn = [10.211.55.0/24, 192.168.0.0/24];
#  Redefine the business hours of your network in your local.bro
#  (start_time and end_time must be specified on 24 hour clock):
redef Exfil::hours = [ $start_time=6, $end_time=17 ];
#  Producer Consumer Ratio for detecting PCR on the network nodes to
#  help pinpoint potential problems.

@load producer-consumer-ratio
@load cryptomining
@load dnstunnel.zeek
@load rdp
@load smtp
@load dns-zone-trans.zeek
@load creditcardcaptures
@load ftp-bruteforce.zeek
```

Note: Notice the scripts are called by using @load and then the script folder name, or script itself. The scripts have to have a path if they are not in the <prefix>/zeek/share/zeek/site/ folder.

The following scripts have been turned on in my configuration:

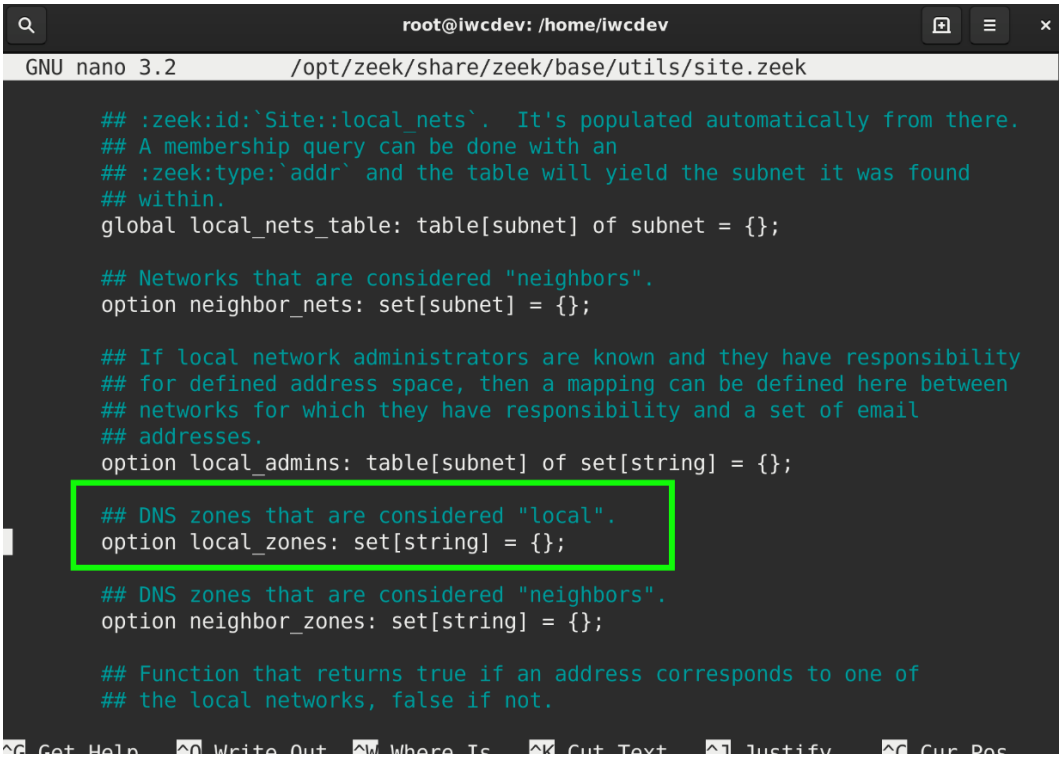
1. misc/loaded-scripts
    - This script logs which scripts were loaded when Zeek (Bro) was started.
2. tuning/json-logs
    - Applies the default tuning settings for Zeek (Bro) output. Remember that you need this set the timestamp correctly when using Logstash or Filebeat. If you want to use the Zeek (Bro) Module in Filebeat this needs to be changed the same way it was written up in the Elk stack walk-through. The following commands are in the <prefix>/zeek/share/zeek/site/local.zeek file:
    - redef LogAscii::json_timestamps = JSON::TS_ISO8601;
    - redef LogAscii::use_json = T;
3. redef ignore_checksums = T;
    - This setting is found in the <prefix>/zeek/share/zeek/site/local.zeek file. Enabling this allows Zeek (Bro) to ignore bad checksums. You want to do this because Zeek (Bro) will stop analyzing packets if it gets too many bad checksums.
4. misc/capture-loss
    - Estimates and logs capture loss.
5. misc/stats
    - Logs memory, packet, and lag statistics.

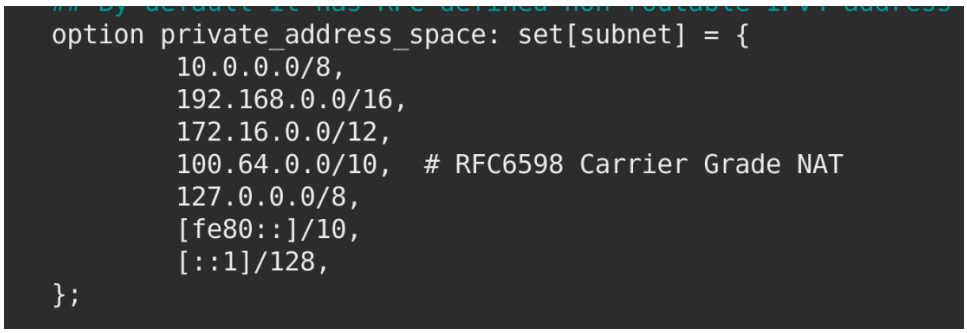
6. misc/scan
    - Built in script used to detect port scans on the network.
7. misc/detect-traceroute
    - This script detects traceroutes that are ran on the network. If there are a lot of traceroutes performance could be an issue.
8. frameworks/software/vulnerable
    - This script detects vulnerable versions of software on the network; usually software that is older than the current version. The default option is monitor software that is defined as local on the network.
9. frameworks/software/version-changes
    - This script is used to detect version changes, and attacker installed hard-drives.
10. frameworks/signatures/detect-windows-shells
    - This script detects forward, and reverse shells that are transmitted in cleartext across the network.
11. The following scripts detect software in various protocols as defined:
    - protocols/ftp/software
    - protocols/smtp/software
    - protocols/ssh/software
    - protocols/http/software
    - protocols/rdp/indicate_ssl
12. protocols/http/detect-webapps
    - Detects-webapps used on the network. This is currently disabled but can be turned on by removing the # at the beginning of the line.
    - This script uses the <prefix>/zeek/share/zeek/policy/protocols/http/detect-webapps.sig file with detect-webapps.zeek to pick up web app traffic from major cloud services.
13. protocols/dns/detect-external-names
    - This script shows DNS results that are outside of your local DNS zone that is being hosted externally. You have to modify the script to define the Site::local_zones variable in order for it to work.
    - To set local zones change directory to site.zeek folder:

      cd /opt/zeek/share/zeek/base/utils/site.zeek

Note: You need to change the following highlighted area to contain your local zone. The second picture shows how to format the spacing and is the private address space that is just above the local zones. This gives an idea of proper spacing for the Zeek (Bro) scripting.

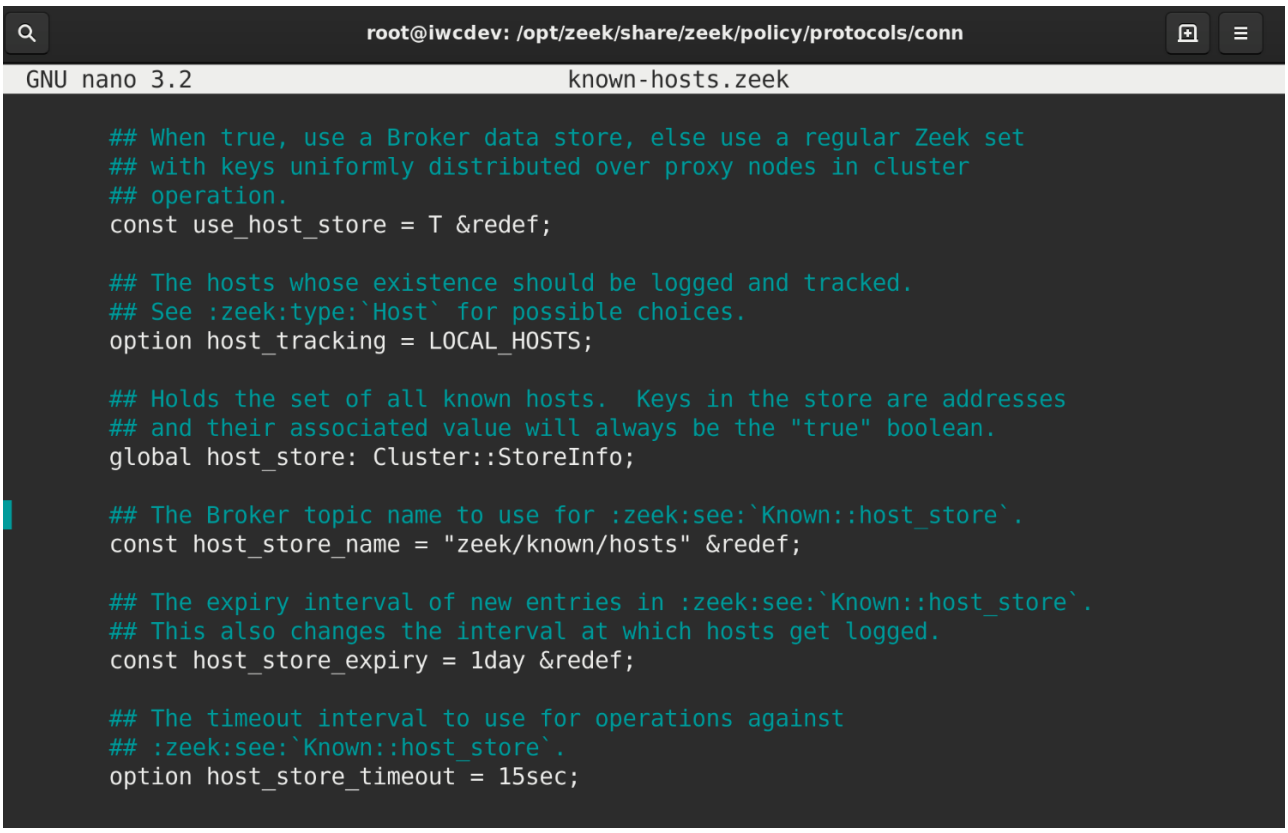
nano site.zeek


root@iwcdev: /home/iwcdev
GNU nano 3.2 /opt/zeek/share/zeek/base/utils/site.zeek
:zeek:id:`Site::local_nets`. It's populated automatically from there.
A membership query can be done with an
:zeek:type:`addr` and the table will yield the subnet it was found
within.
global local_nets_table: table[subnet] of subnet = {};
Networks that are considered "neighbors".
option neighbor_nets: set[subnet] = {};
If local network administrators are known and they have responsibility
for defined address space, then a mapping can be defined here between
networks for which they have responsibility and a set of email
addresses.
option local_admins: table[subnet] of set[string] = {};
DNS zones that are considered "local".
option local_zones: set[string] = {};
DNS zones that are considered "neighbors".
option neighbor_zones: set[string] = {};
Function that returns true if an address corresponds to one of
the local networks, false if not.
^G Get Help ^O Write Out ^W Where Is ^K Cut Text ^J Justify ^C Cur Pos



14. protocols/ftp/detect
    - This script detects FTP sessions over the network.
15. protocols/conn/known-hosts
    - Tracks known assets on the network by logging hosts that have performed a full TCP handshake and logs these addresses once per day by default. This creates an easy way of seeing how many IPs are being used on the network each day. This can help identify malicious devices. The file can be modified with your parameters by using nano to modify <prefix>/zeek/share/zeek/policy/protocols/conn/known-hosts.zeek as shown below:

      cd /opt/zeek/share/zeek/policy/protocols/conn/known-hosts.zeek
      nano known-hosts.zeek


root@iwcdev: /opt/zeek/share/zeek/policy/protocols/conn
GNU nano 3.2 known-hosts.zeek
When true, use a Broker data store, else use a regular Zeek set
with keys uniformly distributed over proxy nodes in cluster
operation.
const use_host_store = T &redef;
The hosts whose existence should be logged and tracked.
See :zeek:type:`Host` for possible choices.
option host_tracking = LOCAL_HOSTS;
Holds the set of all known hosts. Keys in the store are addresses
and their associated value will always be the "true" boolean.
global host_store: Cluster::StoreInfo;
The Broker topic name to use for :zeek:see:`Known::host_store`.
const host_store_name = "zeek/known/hosts" &redef;
The expiry interval of new entries in :zeek:see:`Known::host_store`.
This also changes the interval at which hosts get logged.
const host_store_expiry = 1day &redef;
The timeout interval to use for operations against
:zeek:see:`Known::host_store`.
option host_store_timeout = 15sec;

16. protocols/conn/known-services
    - This script defines a service as an IP address and port that have made a complete TCP handshake with another host on the network. If it determines that a protocol was used the protocol will be logged too.
17. protocols/ssl/known-certs
    - Logs the known certificates that were used on the network but attempts to discard logging the same certificate multiple times.
18. protocols/ssl/validate-certs
    - This script performs certificate chain validation and caches intermediate certificates for future validation.
19. protocols/ssl/log-hostcerts-only
    - This script is used to keep Zeek (Bro) from logging SSL CA certificates in the x509.log, and so that only host certificates are logged.
20. protocols/ssl/notary
    - I have this turned off in the local.zeek file, but you can remove the # by #@load protocls/ssl/notary line in order for Zeek (Bro) to check each SSL certificate hash against the ICSI notary located at notary.icsi.berkeley.edu.

21. protocols/ssh/geo-data

    - Logs SSH GeoIP data if GeoIP is enabled. GeoIP was enabled in the Zeek (Bro) installation in the CIR 2019 Q4 located at the following web-address: informationwarfarecenter.com/cir/Cyber_Intelligence_Report_2019_Q4.pdf.

22. protocols/ssh/detect-bruteforcing

    - This script detects brute force attacks performed by hosts that are guessing passwords over SSH. You can adjust the following parameters by running nano and editing <prefix>/zeek/share/zeek/policy/protocols/ssh/detect-bruteforcing.zeek as shown below:

      cd opt/zeek/share/zeek/policy/protocols/ssh/
      nano detect-bruteforcing.zeek

```
## The number of failed SSH connections before a host is designated as
## guessing passwords.
const password_guesses_limit: double = 30 &redef;

## The amount of time to remember presumed non-successful logins to
## build a model of a password guesser.
const guessing_timeout = 30 mins &redef;

## This value can be used to exclude hosts or entire networks from being
## tracked as potential "guessers". The index represents
## client subnets and the yield value represents server subnets.
const ignore_guessers: table[subnet] of subnet &redef;
```

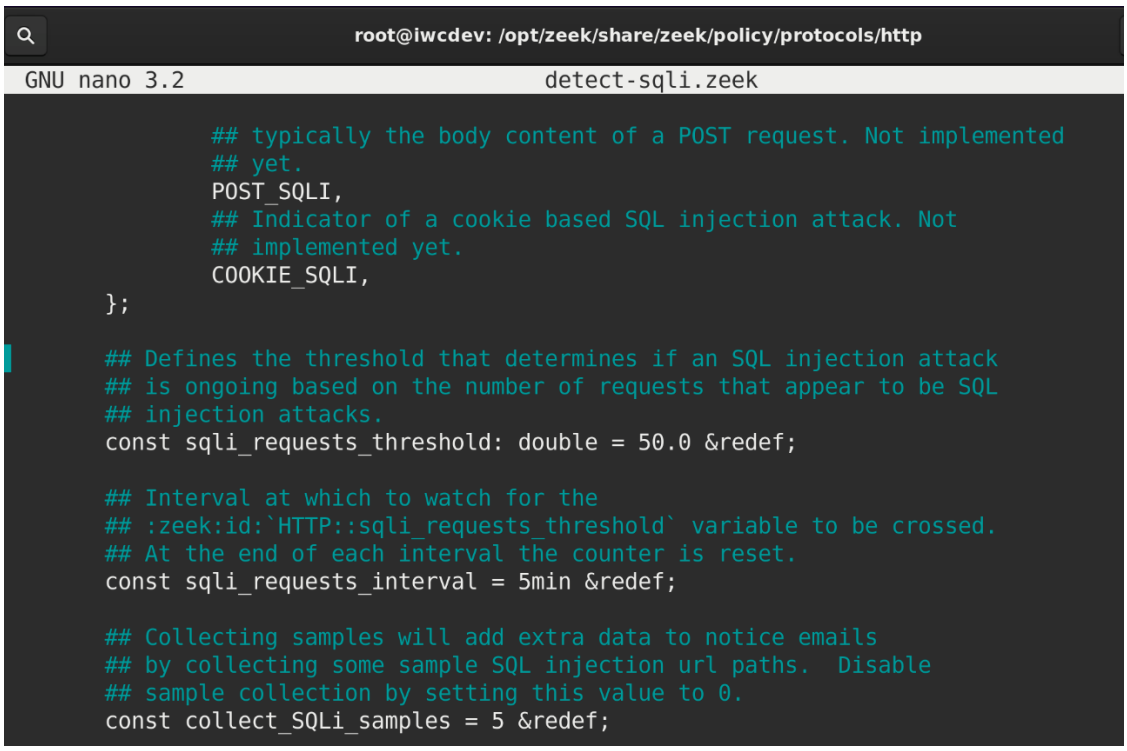
23. protocols/ssh/interesting-hostnames

    - This script looks for infrastructure hostnames used for SSH login. Furthermore, these are normally names used by nameservers, mail servers, web servers and ftp servers. Once a hostname is established Zeek (Bro) will generate a notice.

24. protocols/http/detect-sqli

    - This script determines if a host is performing an SQL injection attack and will create a notification. You can make parameter changes to the file by running the commands shown below:

      cd /opt/zeek/share/zeek/policy/protocols/http
      nano detect-sqli.zeek


root@iwcdev: /opt/zeek/share/zeek/policy/protocols/http
GNU nano 3.2 detect-sqli.zeek
typically the body content of a POST request. Not implemented
yet.
POST_SQLI,
Indicator of a cookie based SQL injection attack. Not
implemented yet.
COOKIE_SQLI,
};
Defines the threshold that determines if an SQL injection attack
is ongoing based on the number of requests that appear to be SQL
injection attacks.
const sqli_requests_threshold: double = 50.0 &redef;
Interval at which to watch for the
:zeek:id:`HTTP::sqli_requests_threshold` variable to be crossed.
At the end of each interval the counter is reset.
const sqli_requests_interval = 5min &redef;
Collecting samples will add extra data to notice emails
by collecting some sample SQL injection url paths. Disable
sample collection by setting this value to 0.
const collect_SQLi_samples = 5 &redef;

25. frameworks/files/hash-all-files
    - Enables MD5 and SHA1 hashing for all file transmissions.
26. frameworks/files/detect-MHR
    - This script detects file downloads that have hash values that match Team Cymru's Malware Hash Registry.
    - The registry is located at: www.team-cymru.org/Services/MHR/
27. policy/frameworks/notice/extend-email/hostnames
    - Loading this script extends the: zeek:enum:`Notice::ACTION_EMAIL` action by appending the hostnames associated with :zeek:type:`Notice::Info`'s *src* and *dst* fields as determined by a DNS lookup to the Email.
28. policy/protocols/ssl/heartbleed
    - This script is used to detect the heartbleed vulnerability. This bug was found and registered to the Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures Database in 2014 and is listed as CVE-2014-0160.
    - This vulnerability still exists in smaller numbers, but if you do not need to monitor for it, just place a # before the @load policy protocols/ssl/heartbleed line in the /zeek/share/zeek/site/local.zeek file.

    Note: This script does impact performance in some cases, so if you do not need to monitor for it disable it.
29. policy/tuning/track-all-assets
    - Loads the known-hosts, known-services, and known-certs policies at one time.

30. policy/protocols/conn/vlan-logging
    - Once a VLAN connection is made the VLAN information is added to the connection log.
31. policy/protocols/conn/mac-logging
    - Enables Link-Layer Adress logging for each end point to the connection log.
32. http-basic-auth.zeek
    - This script detects and gives a notification if there is a basic authentication performed over http.
33. tor.zeek
    - This script detects TOR network traffic and will give a notification showing which IP address was detected to use the tor network. You can edit the parameters of the Tor script by running the following commands:

      cd /opt/zeek/share/zeek/site
      nano tor.zeek

Note: You can change the settings to see the best results. I currently had it set this way for the write up so that Zeek (Bro) would trigger the notification faster. The default settings are as follows:

const tor_cert_threshold = 10.0;

const tor_cert_period = 5min;

const tor_cert_samples = 3 &redef;

```
@load base/frameworks/notice

module DetectTor;

export {
        redef enum Notice::Type += {
                ## Indicates that a host using Tor was discovered.
                DetectTor::Found
        };

        ## Distinct Tor-like X.509 certificates to see before deciding it's Tor.
        const tor_cert_threshold = 1.0;

        ## Time period to see the :bro:see:`tor_cert_threshold` certificates
        ## before deciding it's Tor.
        const tor_cert_period = 1min;

        # Number of Tor certificate samples to collect.
        const tor_cert_samples = 1 &redef;
}
```

34. udpscan.zeek
    - This script will create a notice if it detects a UDP scan on the network.

35. dir-mod.zeek

    - This file monitors whatever directory is specified in line 5 of /zeek/share/zeek/site/dir-mod.zeek for any changes every 30 seconds. Set the folder path in the highlighted text below:

      cd /opt/zeek/share/zeek/site/
      nano dir-mod.zeek

```
@load base/utils/dir

event zeek_init()
        {
        Dir::monitor("/opt/test/", function(fname: string)
                {
                print fname;
                });
        }
```

36. ssh-attack.zeek

    - This script is set to check for ssh password guessing and creates a notice if an SSH password attempt is generated 3 times within 60 minutes. This can be changed by using nano to edit the /zeek/share/zeek/site/ssh-attack.zeek file as shown below:

      cd /opt/zeek/share/zeek/site/
      nano ssh-attack.zeek

```
@load protocols/ssh/detect-bruteforcing
@load policy/frameworks/notice/actions/drop

redef SSH::password_guesses_limit=3;
redef SSH::guessing_timeout=60 mins;

event NetControl::init()
  {
  local debug_plugin = NetControl::create_debug(T);
  NetControl::activate(debug_plugin, 0);
  }

hook Notice::policy(n: Notice::Info)
  {
  if ( n$note == SSH::Password_Guessing )
    NetControl::drop_address(n$src, 60min);
    add n$actions[Notice::ACTION_DROP];
    add n$actions[Notice::ACTION_LOG];
  }
```

37. exfil-detection-framework

    - These settings are found in the <prefix>/zeek/share/zeek/site/local.zeek file.
    - Redefine networks monitored for exfil in your local.zeek:
        - redef Exfil::watched_subnets_conn = [10.211.55.0/24, 192.168.0.0/24];
    - Redefine the business hours of your network in your local.zeek
    - start_time and end_time must be specified on 24 hour clock and you can use single digits like 6 through 24 or total times like 0600 through 2400:
        - redef Exfil::hours = [$start_time=6, $end_time=17];
    - Use the following command to switch to the Exil-framework folder for modifications:

      cd /opt/zeek/share/zeek/site/exfil-detection-framework
      nano main.zeek

Note: The picture below shows some of the settings you can change, but you can look through multiple scripts within the folder and make changes. This is a script that can overload some machines. You will need to try different configurations in order to tweak it to your specific needs.

```
};

## A public data structure for defining thresholds and reporting Settings
type Settings: record {

    ## How often should we poll this connection.A smaller value leads to more
    checkup_interval: interval &default=1sec;
    ## What must the byte rate be to flag it as a transfer. Note: We have fou
    ## the checkup interval or byte_rate_thresh, you may want to increase the
    byte_rate_thresh: count &default=2000;
    ## How many bytes constitute a file transfer.
    file_thresh: count &default=65536;
    ## Deliver this to the notice framework?
    notice: bool &default=T;
    ## Define notice type for this transfer
    note: Notice::Type &default=Exfil::File_Transfer;

};
```

38. producer-consumer-ratio

    - This script is used to see which nodes transmit or receive large amounts of data on the network. This is good for finding possible malware, bitcoin mining, data theft, and many other things.

39. Cryptomining

    - This script is used to detect Bitcoin, Litecoin, PPCoin, and other types of cryptocurrency mining traffic that use getwork, getblockted, or stratum mining protocols over TCP and HTTP.

40. dnstunnel.zeek

    - DNS tunneling is a cyber-attack that encapsulates data in a DNS query or response that contains a payload that can be used to attack a DNS server. This process works very similarly to VPN encapsulation but instead uses the DNS protocol. This script detects DNS tunneling on the network and produces a notification.

41. rdp

    - This script is used to detect and notify if an event is triggered that uses RDP remote code execution vulnerability or BlueKeep denial of service.

42. Smtp

    - This script records SMTP information after decoding any base64 encoded SMTP subject lines.

43. dns-zone-trans.zeek

    - This script detects DNS Zone Transfer queries that indication recon being performed on the network and creates a notice.

44. Creditcardcaptures

    - This script looks for credit card information sent across the network in plain text. The default log is redacted, but this can be altered by changing the **const redact_log = F &redef**; setting to **T** as shown in the pictures after running the commands below:

      cd /opt/zeek/share/zeek/site/creditcardcaptures/
      nano main.zeek

```
};

## Logs are redacted by default.  If you want to see the credit card
## numbers in the log, redef this value to F.
## Notices are automatically and unchangeably redacted.
const redact_log = F &redef;

## The number of bytes around the discovered credit card number that is used
## as a summary in notices.
const summary_length = 200 &redef;

const cc_regex = /(^|[^0-9\-])\x00?[3-9](\x00?[0-9]){2,3}([[:blank:]\-\.]?\x00?$

## Configure this to `F` if you'd like to stop enforcing that
## credit cards use an internal digit separator.
const use_cc_separators = T &redef;
```

45. ftp-bruteforce.zeek

    - This script creates two notices, the Bruteforcer, and BruteforceSummary when an FTP bruteforce attack is detected.

46. http-stalling.zeek

- This script detects HTTP DoS, and DDoS attacks. The following parts of the script <prefix>/zeek/share/zeek/site/http-stalling.zeek can be changed for differing results:

  cd /opt/zeek/share/zeek/site/
  nano http-stalling.zeek

```
            Attacker,
    };

    ## Value representing how much time is considered too long to start and
    ## complete and HTTP request.
    const too_much_client_delay = 10secs &redef;

    ## Number of suspicious requests from an attacker or to a victim to be
    ## considered an attack.
    const requests_threshold: double = 40.0 &redef;
```

47. http-attack.zeek
    - This script looks for non-RFC compliant HTTP requests and creates a notice.
48. http-pass.zeek
    - This script looks for clear text passwords sent over HTTP protocol and creates a notice.

Configure Zeek after Signature installation

There are a few settings we want to configure in Zeek (Bro) before we start using the new signatures. Perform the following steps to finish configuring Zeek (Bro) for use:

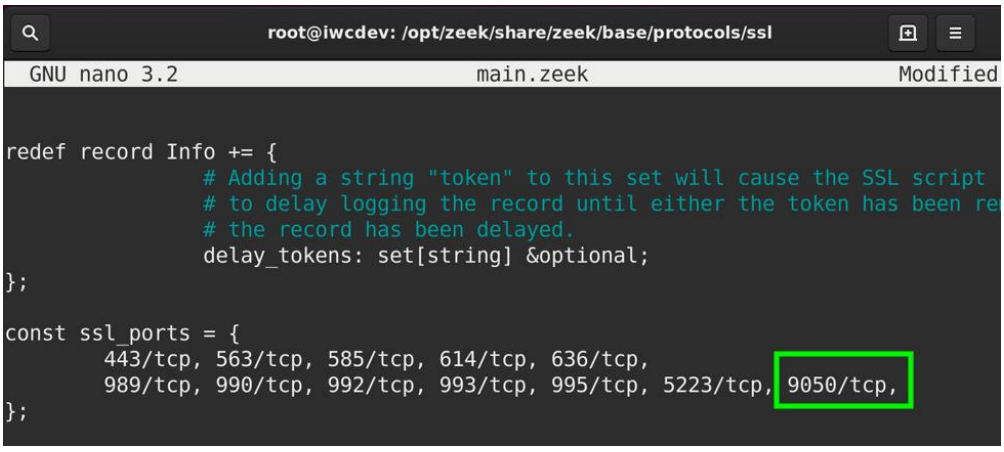
1. **Change directory** to the <prefix>/zeek/share/zeek/base/protocols/ssl folder:

   cd /opt/zeek/share/zeek/base/protocols/ssl

2. **Run** the following command to edit the main.zeek file:

   nano main.zeek

   Note: add **port 9050/tcp** to the last line of "**const ssl_ports**" as shown in the picture below.


root@iwcdev: /opt/zeek/share/zeek/base/protocols/ssl
GNU nano 3.2
main.zeek
Modified
redef record Info += {
# Adding a string "token" to this set will cause the SSL script
# to delay logging the record until either the token has been re
# the record has been delayed.
delay_tokens: set[string] &optional;
};
const ssl_ports = {
443/tcp, 563/tcp, 585/tcp, 614/tcp, 636/tcp,
989/tcp, 990/tcp, 992/tcp, 993/tcp, 995/tcp, 5223/tcp, 9050/tcp,
};

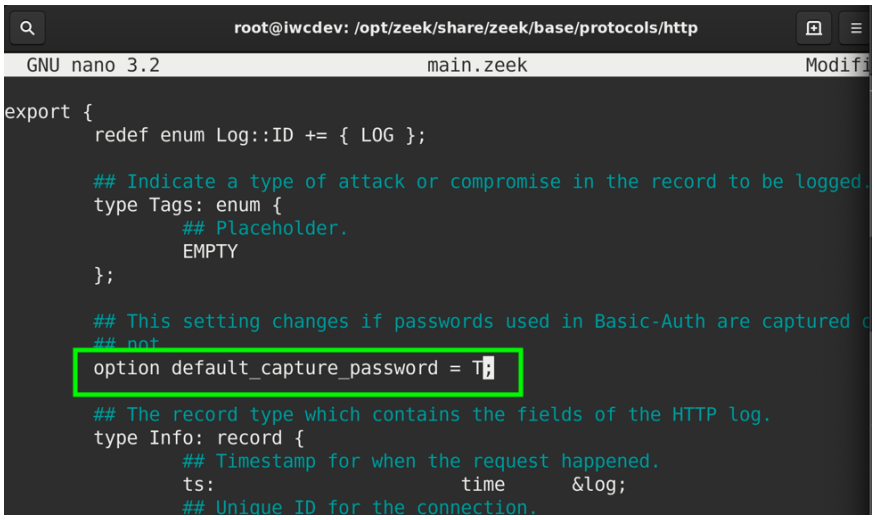
3. **Change directory** to the <prefix>/zeek/share/zeek/base/protocols/http/ folder:

   cd /opt/zeek/share/zeek/base/protocols/http

4. **Edit** the main.zeek file by using thing following command:

   nano main.zeek

   Note: set this option to T in order to capture the actual passwords used for Basic-Authentication.


root@iwcdev: /opt/zeek/share/zeek/base/protocols/http
GNU nano 3.2
main.zeek
Modifi
export {
redef enum Log::ID += { LOG };
Indicate a type of attack or compromise in the record to be logged.
type Tags: enum {
Placeholder.
EMPTY
};
This setting changes if passwords used in Basic-Auth are captured
not
option default_capture_password = T;
The record type which contains the fields of the HTTP log.
type Info: record {
Timestamp for when the request happened.
ts: time &log;
Unique ID for the connection.

Using Zeek (Bro) and ELK Stack

This part of the walk-through will assume you have a basic understanding of ELK Stack and Zeek (Bro) after going through the other walk-throughs.

1. **Change directory** to the Zeek (Bro) <prefix>/zeek/bin directory:

   cd /opt/zeek/bin

2. **Run** the ./zeekctl command to start Zeek Control by typing:

   ./zeekctl

```
root@iwcdev:/opt/zeek# cd bin
root@iwcdev:/opt/zeek/bin# ls
bifcl    bro-config  capstats       zeek         zeek-cut
binpac   broctl      paraglob-test  zeek-config  zeek-wrapper
bro      bro-cut     trace-summary  zeekctl
root@iwcdev:/opt/zeek/bin# ./zeekctl
```

```
[ZeekControl] > install
removing old policies in /opt/zeek/spool/installed-scripts-do-not-touch/site ...
removing old policies in /opt/zeek/spool/installed-scripts-do-not-touch/auto ...
creating policy directories ...
installing site policies ...
generating cluster-layout.zeek ...
generating local-networks.zeek ...
generating zeekctl-config.zeek ...
generating zeekctl-config.sh ...
```

3. **Run** the Install command:

   install

```
[ZeekControl] > install
removing old policies in /opt/zeek/spool/installed-scripts-do-not-touch/site ...
removing old policies in /opt/zeek/spool/installed-scripts-do-not-touch/auto ...
creating policy directories ...
installing site policies ...
generating cluster-layout.zeek ...
generating local-networks.zeek ...
generating zeekctl-config.zeek ...
generating zeekctl-config.sh ...
```

4. **Run** the deploy command to start Zeek (Bro) with the new settings:

   deploy

   Note: Everytime you make script changes or settings changes you need to run the **install** and **deploy** commands after restarting Zeek (Bro). If everything is configured correctly in the signature or configuration files then Zeek (Bro) will launch without any errors as shown below.

```
[ZeekControl] > deploy
checking configurations ...
installing ...
removing old policies in /opt/zeek/spool/installed-scripts-do-not-touch/site ...
removing old policies in /opt/zeek/spool/installed-scripts-do-not-touch/auto ...
creating policy directories ...
installing site policies ...
generating cluster-layout.zeek ...
generating local-networks.zeek ...
generating zeekctl-config.zeek ...
generating zeekctl-config.sh ...
stopping ...
stopping workers ...
stopping proxy ...
stopping manager ...
starting ...
starting manager ...
starting proxy ...
starting workers ...
[ZeekControl] >
```

5. **Run** the following command to check the status of Zeek (Bro):

   status

```
[ZeekControl] > status
Name         Type    Host             Status    Pid    Started
manager      manager localhost        running   29002  02 Dec 21:25:26
proxy-1      proxy   localhost        running   29053  02 Dec 21:25:28
worker-1-1   worker  localhost        running   29154  02 Dec 21:25:29
worker-1-2   worker  localhost        running   29156  02 Dec 21:25:29
worker-1-3   worker  localhost        running   29160  02 Dec 21:25:29
worker-1-4   worker  localhost        running   29162  02 Dec 21:25:29
worker-1-5   worker  localhost        running   29159  02 Dec 21:25:29
[ZeekControl] >
```

Note: You should have a similar output as shown above.

6. **Run** the following commands to **stop** and **exit** out of Zeek (Bro):

   stop
   exit

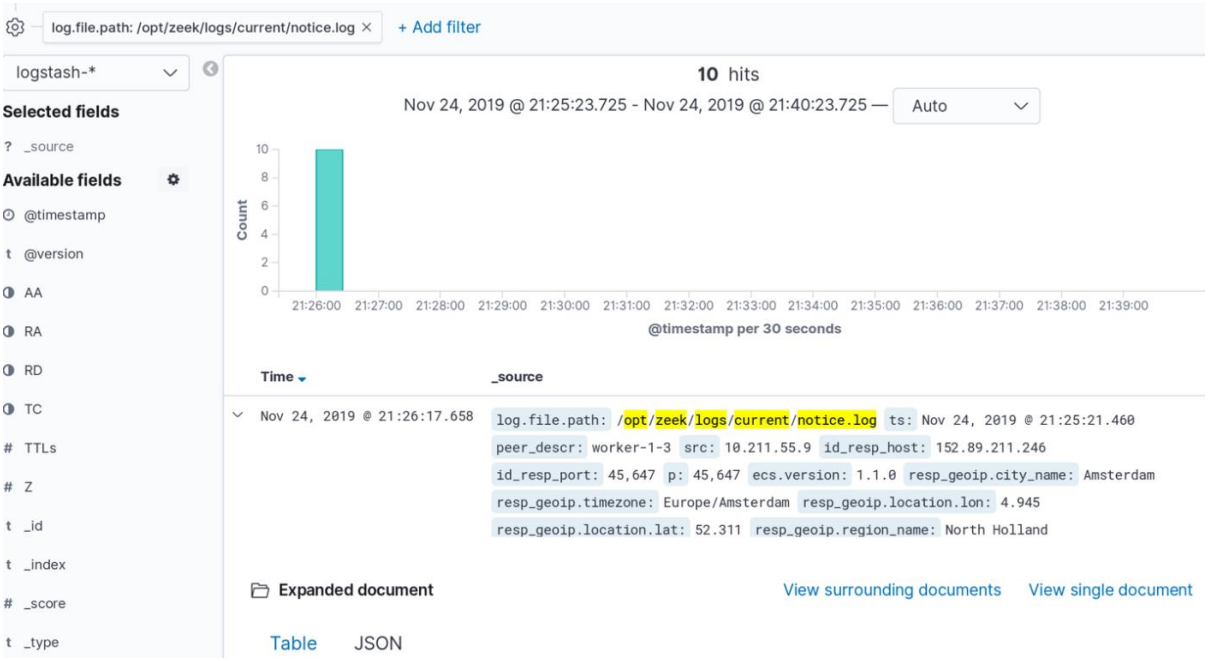
```
[ZeekControl] > stop
stopping workers ...
stopping proxy ...
stopping manager ...
[ZeekControl] > exit
root@iwcdev:/opt/zeek/bin#
```

7. Set the Exfil After Hours settings in local.zeek to a time that will trigger a notification if something is downloaded on the network. Ensure you have your network IP Addresses set correctly. You will need to restart Zeek (Bro) and run the install and deploy commands.

8. Go to the Kibana Dashboard and look at Logstash logs in the discover panel. Go to the search bar and type:

   Log.file.path: /opt/zeek/logs/current/notice.log

   Note: You should see output like below. This filters specific logs for you to see. In the next step I will show you an alternate way to look at the notice.log from the terminal too, while looking at an NMAP scan notification.



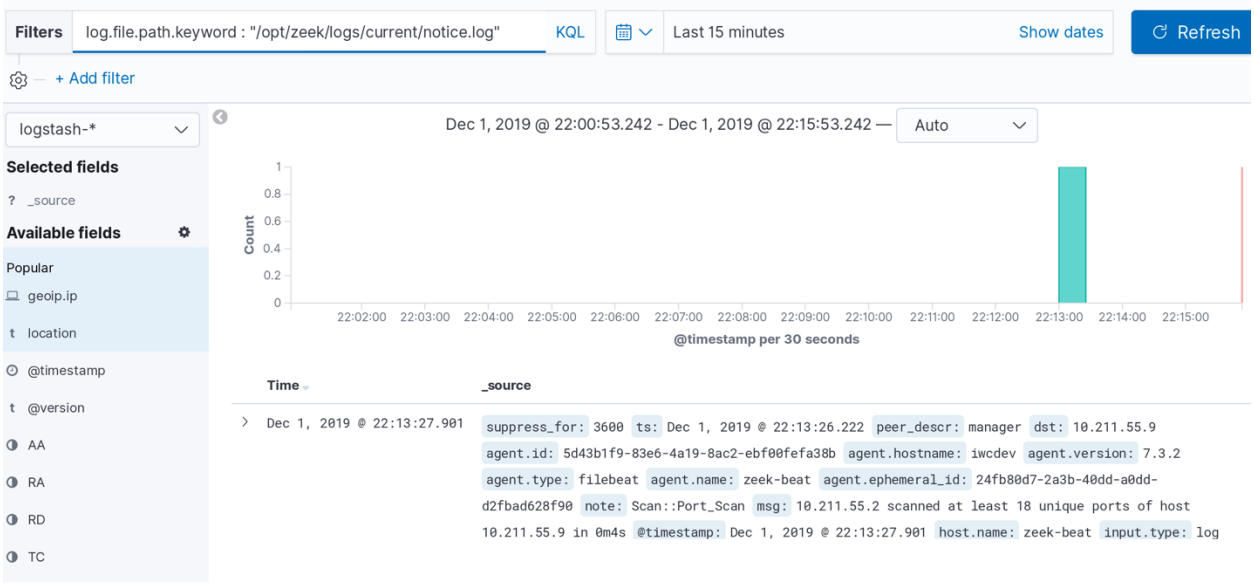
If you click the drop down for the log, you can see a file was uploaded and detected on the network by looking at the message. The to IP address was blacked out.

t	msg	File upload heuristically detected from 10.211.55.9 to [redacted] This file is approximately 22208634 bytes.
t	note	Exfil::File_Transfer

Below you will see an example of an after hours transfer notification.

t	input.type	log
t	log.file.path	/opt/zeek/logs/current/notice.log
#	log.offset	7,562
t	msg	Sent Bytes: 11178720, UID: Czykum1wHvokj6rsfc
t	note	Exfil::After_Hours_Transfer
#	p	8,080

9. Perform an NMAP Scan on your network from an external host and see what happens. You should get a notice that has a note that says Scan::Port_Scan as shown below.



10. **Change directory** to the <prefix>/zeek/logs/current/ directory:

    cd /opt/zeek/logs/current/

11. **Run** the following command to view the notice.log in real time in the terminal:

    tail -f notice.log

```
root@iwcdev:/opt/zeek/logs/current# tail -f notice.log
{"ts":"2019-12-02T03:13:26.222049Z","note":"Scan::Port_Scan","msg":"10.211.55.2 scanned at leas
t 18 unique ports of host 10.211.55.9 in 0m4s","sub":"local","src":"10.211.55.2","dst":"10.211.
55.9","peer_descr":"manager","actions":["Notice::ACTION_DROP","Notice::ACTION_LOG"],"suppress_f
or":3600.0,"dropped":false}
```

Note: All of the logs Zeek (Bro) generates can be viewed in the terminal, or in Kibana how we showed above.

This is how we analyze the notice.logs and view them in Zeek (Bro). For the last part of this walkthrough we will go through generating Tor Traffic using the Tor browser we installed earlier, in the “Anonymity on the Web” walkthrough. Using the Tor browser on the network will trigger a Zeek (Bro) notice so we can ensure that the Tor.zeek script is configured correctly.

Tor Traffic Analysis

Start Zeek (Bro) and open your Tor Browser and check to see that Tor is currently working as shown in the previous “Anonymity on the Web” walkthrough. Navigate to different webpages giving time for the log shipping to catch up and then go to Kibana and look at the Notice.log.

1. When looking at the log, you will see the IP address and the message (MSG) will state the IP address was found using Tor by connecting to servers with at least 1 unique weird cert.

Dec 2, 2019 @ 22:41:5
input.type: log suppress_for: 3,600 ecs.version: 1.1.0 sub: Sampled certificates: CN=www.oe57jv72f6ithflw.net
agent.name: zeek-beat agent.id: 668cff6f-7bd7-476b-82cd-22d16097804c agent.hostname: iwcdev
agent.version: 7.4.1 agent.type: filebeat agent.ephemeral_id: 798b2005-c514-4842-9757-380225b0cabf
host.name: zeek-beat msg: 10.211.55.9 was found using Tor by connecting to servers with at least 1 unique weird
certs peer_descr: manager @version: 1 note: DetectTor::Found src: 10.211.55.9 actions: Notice::ACTION_DROP,

2. If you expand the log information you will see the Sampled certificates; take note of the certificate name.

t log.file.path /opt/zeek/logs/current/notice.log
log.offset 2,635
t msg 10.211.55.9 was found using Tor by connecting to servers with at least 1 unique weird certs
t note DetectTor::Found
t peer_descr manager
t src 10.211.55.9
t sub Sampled certificates: CN=www.oe57jv72f6ithflw.net
suppress_for 3,600
t tags zeek, beats_input_codec_json_applied, _dateparsefailure, _geoip_lookup_failure
ts Dec 2, 2019 @ 22:41:51.991

3. The next notice.log entry will have an SSL invalid Server Cert notification as shown below.

Dec 2, 2019 @ 22:41:53.101
ecs.version: 1.1.0 proto: tcp agent.name: zeek-beat agent.id: 668cff6f-7bd7-476b-82cd-22d16097804c
agent.hostname: iwcdev agent.version: 7.4.1 agent.type: filebeat agent.ephemeral_id: 798b2005-
c514-4842-9757-380225b0cabf host.name: zeek-beat id_resp_port: 45,647 msg: SSL certificate validation failed
with (unable to get local issuer certificate) @version: 1 note: SSL::Invalid_Server_Cert src: 10.211.55.9
actions: Notice::ACTION_LOG, Notice::ACTION_DROP dropped: false tags: zeek, beats_input_codec_json_applied,

4. Expand the drop down, and scroll down, and you will see the sub entry shows the same sample certificate as the certificate that triggered the Tor notification.

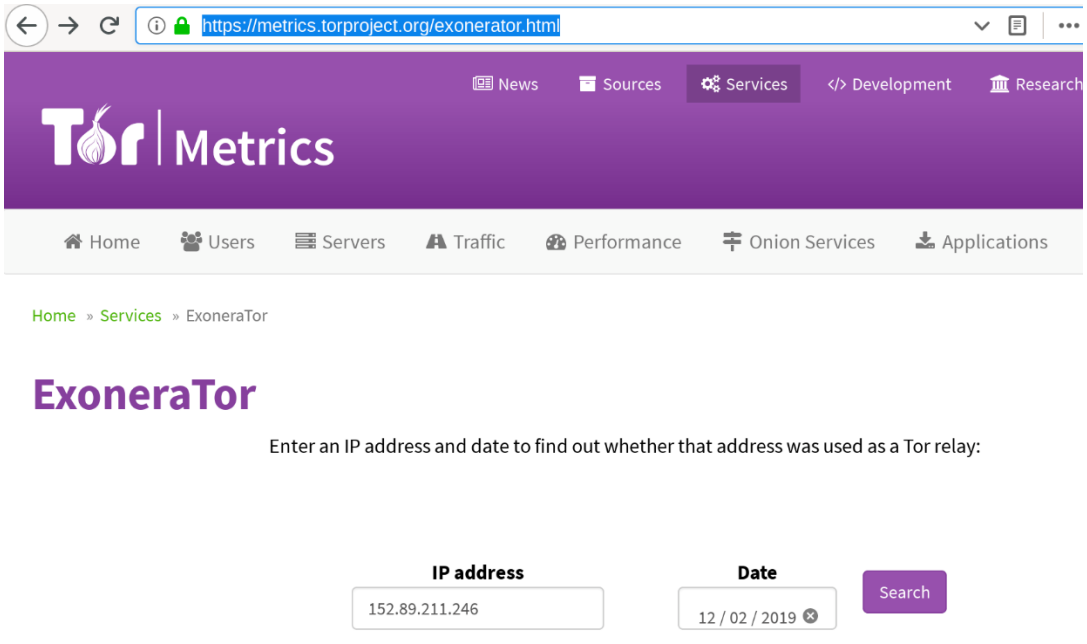
t	resp_geoip.city_name	Amsterdam
t	resp_geoip.continent_code	EU
t	resp_geoip.country_code2	NL
t	resp_geoip.country_code3	NL
t	resp_geoip.country_name	Netherlands
t	resp_geoip.ip	152.89.211.246
#	resp_geoip.latitude	52.311
#	resp_geoip.location.lat	52.311
#	resp_geoip.location.lon	4.945
#	resp_geoip.longitude	4.945
t	resp_geoip.postal_code	1101
t	resp_geoip.region_code	NH
t	resp_geoip.region_name	North Holland
t	resp_geoip.timezone	Europe/Amsterdam
t	src	10.211.55.9
t	sub	CN=www.oe57jv72f6ithflw.net
#	suppress_for	3,600
t	tags	zeek, beats_input_codec_json_applied, _dateparsefailure, _geoip_lookup_failure
ts	ts	Dec 2, 2019 @ 22:41:51.913
t	uid	CrHlvm2lNp2MsiCsOj

resp_geoip.region_name

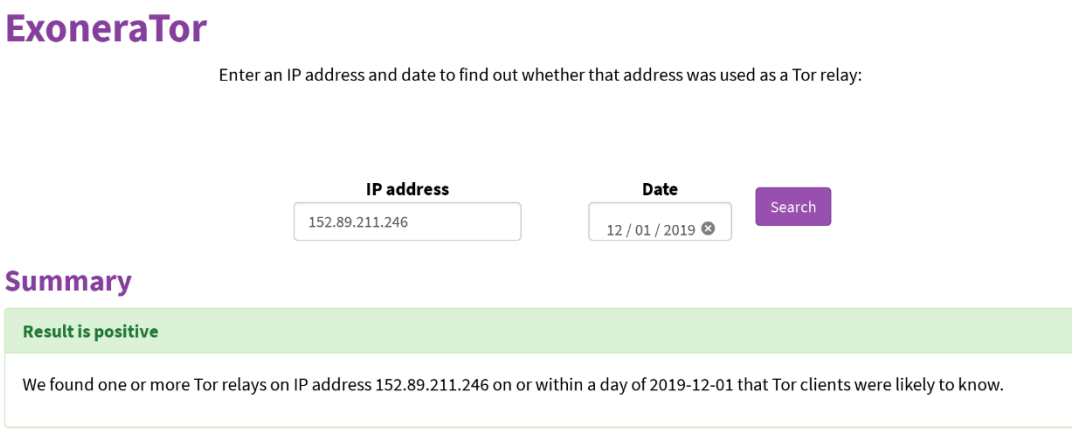
5. **Copy** the **IP address** and go to the following website to check if it is a Tor exit relay:

   metrics.torproject.org/exonerator.html

6. Enter the information into the IP Address field and enter a date at least a day prior to when you got the notification like the below picture:



7. The ExoneraTor will come back showing if it was a known exit node or not. Some Exit Nodes are not publicly listed so it is possible that an IP may not show on the known list of Tor exit nodes, but this gives you a good idea that there is suspected Tor traffic on the network. Likewise, this gives you a good reason to look into what may be occurring.


ExoneraTor
Enter an IP address and date to find out whether that address was used as a Tor relay:
IP address
152.89.211.246
Date
12 / 01 / 2019
Search
Summary
Result is positive
We found one or more Tor relays on IP address 152.89.211.246 on or within a day of 2019-12-01 that Tor clients were likely to know.

In this walk-through we went over how to configure and deploy signature-based scripts in Zeek (Bro). You will be able to tailor these scripts to your needs in order to find most malicious traffic that could be on your network. Being able to manipulate what you analyze on the network quickly and efficiently is critical for being able to accurately monitor network activity. Zeek (Bro) combined with ELK stack is a powerful IDS application. Likewise, this setup can be used for network analysis, incident response, or active monitoring. Using Zeek (Bro) and ELK stack to learn how different vulnerabilities trigger logs and sorting the data for quick analysis is one of the best tools you can have to become a better Infosec expert.

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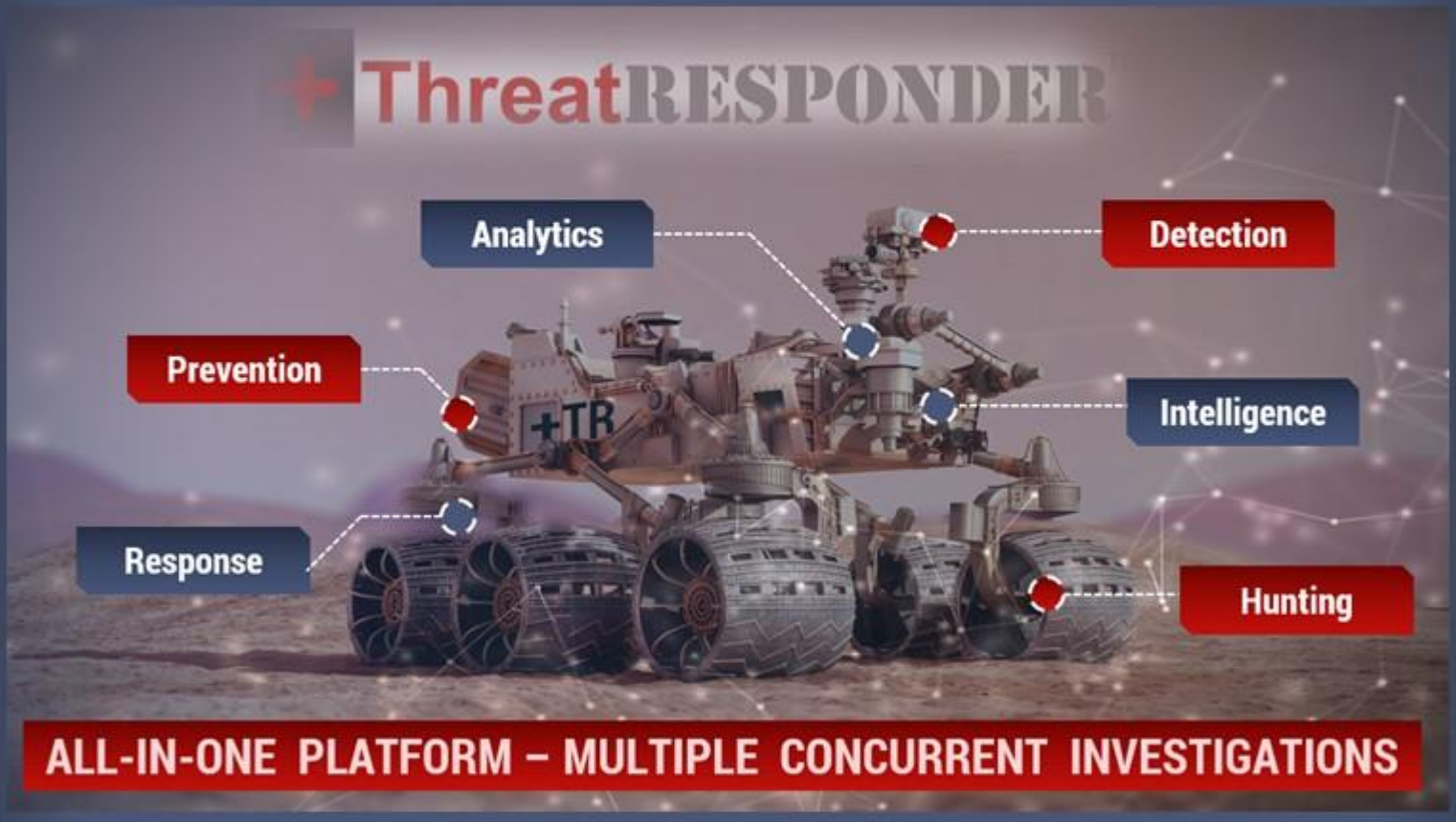
- Conduct DFIR investigations on any remote endpoint regardless of its geolocation – all on a single-pane of glass
- Perform in-depth forensics investigation dating back to the first day the target endpoint was installed
- Conduct full dynamic and static malware analyses with just a click of a mouse
- Conduct legally-defensible multiple DFIR cases simultaneously



The Solution – ThreatResponder® Platform

ThreatResponder® Platform is an all-in-one cloud-native endpoint threat **detection**, **prevention**, **response**, **analytics**, **intelligence**, **investigation**, and **hunting** product

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I wanted to take a moment to discuss some of the projects we are working on here at the Information Warfare Center. Some of them are commercial products, but many of them are community driven and Open Source.

Cyber WAR (Weekly Awareness Report)

Everyone needs a good source for Threat Intelligence and the Cyber WAR is one resource that brings together over a dozen other data feeds into one place. It contains the latest news, tools, malware, and other security related information

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IWC GitHub projects

We have several open source projects on GitHub that help those wanting to learn the basics to cyber security experts.
The ***CS-Quick-Tunnel*** is a bash script that focuses on several different ways of creating reverse tunnels and pivoting.

The ***CS_Build_a_Lab*** is a bash script that attempts to automate the building of a small cyber range using VirtualBox or KVM.

github.com/infosecwriter

CSI Linux (Community Linux Distro)

CSI Linux is a freely downloadable Linux distribution that focuses on Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) investigation, traditional Digital Forensics and Incident Response (DFIR), and Cover Communications with suspects and informants. This distribution was designed to help Law Enforcement with Online Investigations but has evolved and has been released to help anyone investigate both online and on the dark webs with relative security and peace of mind. Contact us if you want to help with the project!

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Cyber "Live Fire" Range (Linux Distro)

This is a commercial environment designed for both Cyber Incident Response Teams (CIRT) and Penetration Testers alike. This product is a standalone bootable external drive that allows you to practice both DFIR and Pentesting on an isolated network, so you don't have to worry about organizational antivirus, IDP/IPS, and SIEMs lighting up like a Christmas tree, causing unneeded paperwork and investigations. This environment incorporates Kali and a list of vulnerable virtual machines to practice with. This is a great system for offline exercises to help prepare for Certifications like the Pentest+, Licensed Penetration Tester (LPT), and the OSCP.

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The IWC Academy

The IWC Academy is online addition to Information Warfare Center's Instructor Lead bootcamps. Many of these are certification courses such as CompTIA's Network+, Security+, CySA+, and Pentest+ along with others like the CISSP.

There are three main tracks:

- **Cyber Investigations** w/certs
  - Network+, Security+, CySA+
  - Computer-Mobile-Network Forensics, Incident Response, OSINT, Social Media/Dark Web
- **Red Team Pen Testing** w/ certs
  - Linux+, LPIC-1, Pentest+
  - Ethical Hacking, Pivoting, Reverse Connections, Exploit development, Web App testing
- **Secure Coding**
  - Bash/PowerShell/Python/Ruby/PHP/ C/C++.
  - *Java/.NET* ***TBD***

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Cyber Security TV

We are building a site that pulls together Cyber Security videos from various sources to make great content easier to find.

CyberSec.TV

Active Facebook Community

Facebook.com/groups/cybersecrets

THE IWC WEB SERIES

Cyber Secrets

Cyber Secrets originally aired in 2013 and covers issues ranging from Anonymity on the Internet to Mobile Device forensics using Open Source tools, to hacking. Most of the episodes are technical in nature. Technology is constantly changing, so some subjects may be revisited with new ways to do what needs to be done.

Just the Tip

Just the Tip is a video series that covers a specific challenge and solution within 2 minutes. These solutions range from tool usage to samples of code and contain everything you need to defeat the problems they cover.

Quick Tips

This is a small video series that discusses quick tips that covers syntax and other command line methods to make life easier.

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